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(Katalogzettel zu Faszikel Nr.85 am Schluss des Filmes)

My dear friend, for you have an undoubted right to that apellation, may I promise myself the pleasure of seeing you at seven o clock? I shall leave my key chez Mad: Bocconi & you will accordingly ask the servant of the house for it, when you leave Mr Claxon, who tells me that he is to see you at six; — He saw Mr Mathews last night who, I am sorry to say it, gave him but little hopes of success; I should fear the effect a disapointment like this would have upon one of your vivacity, did I not know that you must have two many resources in your own mind, & in your friends, to suffer yourself to be dejected at the common mortifications we are all in some measure subjected to. The more difficulties that occur now, the greater on some future day will be your praise. Au travers des périls un grand cœur se fait jour, says Racine, let me add with him to "Que ne peut l'amitié"? for be assured, my dear friend, I shall not only now be overjoyed to have any opportunity of adding to your happiness, or contributing to your conveniences, but should the world some time hence prove insensible to your merit, a smiling face & open arms will await you in America.

Yours for ever T. Lintock

W. Muller

My dear Friend,

I have sent You the two books Mr North recommended to Your perusal, as for the Gram[mar] permit me to keep it here for a day or two, & we will begin it together. I have w[ritten] out Your two papers, & thank You for them. I wish from my heart Your plan with Mr Mathews may succeed, but must do myself the justice to say that in wishing so I make a considerable sacrifice to my own interest. So fine is the web of our feelings wove, & so intricately are they connected, that we seldom can exercise one without, inju[r]ing in some little degree another: this I feel exactly to be my case: a sincere desire that every circumstance may take place that can promote the happiness, or smooth the situation of my Friend, leads me to wish him at a distance, but when I look forward to the pleasure his conversation, & the utility his superiour knowledge may be to the if he stays, I own I am doubtful at some moments what to wish Your stay, or departure, though indeed the first moment of recollection determines me; Farewell for the present, my friend, & let me see You at four o clock; as there are only 3 houres to that time You wont be at all surprised that my letter is so short. Farewell dear chef. F. Kinlock

If You come sooner than four o clock You will find the door open, but Mr Lumley will be taking une Lecon de dance in my room.

Y.. 29 — [illegible]

I have only time to tell you that the Post is just a going out & that if I do not send you the enclosed note at Present, I shall have no opportunity before these or three days — Expect a long letter from me in a day or two — Adieu Mon tres-Cher

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Monsieur

Je voudrais extrêmement sçavoir votre langue a present pour plusieurs raisons, premierement pour vous remercier de bouche de l'accueil que vous avez bien voulu m'accorder ici, secondement pour vous parler de mon ami Monr votre Fils. N'i croyez pas, Monsieur, que notre amitié vient de cette facilité qu'ont les jeunes gens de se lier ensemble pour un tems seulement, la liaison entre nous est celle du cœur & de l'Esprit, & subsistera egalement quoique nous soyons lui à l'un & moi à l'autre bout du Monde; une preuve de ça est que nous avons consenti les plaisirs de la Ville, pour pouvoir vivre loin de tout Objet qui pourroit nous détourner de nos études; pour cet effet nous avons pris une petite maison a la campagne ensemble ou nous comptons de passer l'hyver: comment le sort determinera de [nous] à la fin de l'hyver Je ne sçaurois pas vous dire, mais nous sommes convenus de nous separer jamais, jusqu'à ce que soyons tous les Deux dans une situation dont nous puissions être contents. Tout jeune homme qui entre dans la vie doit avoir quelque but, j'en ai plusieurs, un des principaux en est d'augmenter la felicité de mon ami autant qu'il me sera possible, comme Je veux que je dois à celui dont l'exemple a amelioré mon cœur, & dont les soins cultivent mon esprit. Soyez donc, Monsieur, convaincu de la droiture de nos intentions, & si des bruits disavantageux se repandent, Ayez la bonté de vous addresser à moi, Je me ferois un devoir de les dissiper.

Veuillez bien, Monsieur, presenter mes respects a Madame votre Epouse, & de la remercier de ma part de toutes ses bontés. J'ai l'honneur d'être, Monsieur,

Mercredi Matin.

Votre tres Humble & tres Obeissant Serviteur F. Rinland

Schaffhouse d. 6. 7bre=75. von Monsr Kinloch.

A Monsieur

Monsieur le Professeur Muller

Beleive me, or not, as you please, my dear Cimbrian, when I tell you, that I ~~ps~~ have passed the whole evening without a single regret at not being at the ball, I leave you to judge whether it has been the same thing with the with regard to you — I know, as well as if I heard it, the Answer your vanity dictates at this moment — well, my dear Cimbrian, beleive your Vainety, I permit you, for this Once. I have finished Elizabeth — writ to Mad: Fabri, & read half a play of Moliere. in short I have been as happy as the Weakness occasioned by my Physick, & your absence would admit of. You are ~~as~~ always ~~in~~ lamenting the approach ~~the~~ of that day when a temporary separation is to take place between us, you are wrong, dear Cimbrian, you should rather rejoice at my being soon about to feel that I can not live without you. Among all the great Men whose actions

illumine the Page of history, there are none I emulate
more than such as have distinguished themselves for
unshaken attachment to their friends, or have con=
~~spicu~~ spicuously contributed, to their happiness.
When I reflect upon the Origin of our friendship,
When I consider the solid basis upon which we
have erected it, [redacted] I can not but think
that it is likely to ~~exist~~ remain unshaken ~~manner~~
although the great Atlantick ocean should foam
betwixt us: It is entertaining a mean opinion
of our friendship to suppose that it depends, like
a vulgar connection, upon our constantly seeing
one another — No, let us elevate our thoughts to
something greater, let us flatter ourselves that
our hearts will ever preserve the ~~str~~ deep engraven
characters of one anothers memory, & let us despise all
that absence & new connections can effect.

I expect, my lord Sheep, that
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& that you will have learnt
some fault of mine that that
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to be understood, that you ha
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I expect, my lost Sheep, that you will return
home fraught with news of all kinds for me,
& that you will have learnt from some one
some fault of mine that that wants correcting.
I hope you have spoke slow, & deliberately enough
to be understood, that you have not wore a
perpetual grin upon the rotundity of your Phy=
siognomy, that you have sometimes thought
of me, & that you may return home safe.
I shall send the Cabriolet according to the orders
it may please votre tenebrosité de vienoyes —
De Fegoble says he will come here tomorrow
so you will do well to bring him with you
write to him in the morning, & fix the hour &
place of the Cab: &c — Remember Mazeta.

Adieu Mon petit Lutin Riant ~~&c~~

Remember me to Madll Bapier.

à

Monsieur

Monsieur Muller

Celebrated Cimbrian historian

chez Mr: Boissier l'Anglois

Geneve

Venez dans les bras de meilleur ami, et demandez lui
pardon d'avoir douté de la première vérité et du premier
sentiment de mon Cœur. Venez apprendre que quand
on a un ami véritable on ne doit plus se plaindre du sort.

Take upon you to be, or to seem cheerful, because
~~[illegible]~~ I am not alone.

I am afraid, My dear Friend, that You frequently look upon as negligent, or intentional, what is inevitable. It was impossible that I should see You yesterday, it is no less to day. At three, at four, at five, I shall successively see three of the ten, at seven I am engaged to Mr De Segobre — but at eight to You, if You please, chez Madme Bosconi where You will sup, at mine, & Mr Clowns desire. Should my reasons for not being able to see You before be not satisfactory, reflect upon one thing I beseech You — that it is more than ten to one but that You will have so much more of my com-
ny than You would ~~would~~ wish at Chamberis, as will sufficiently make up all present
ff deficiences. I visited our little hermitage this morning, and am so pleased with our cho
h almost nothing could prevail upon me to give it up. As I was setting at the Window in
n sake, I enjoyed two prospects an internal and external one, the two finest perhaps that
e most elevated situation, or the brightest imagination have ever procured. To begin with the
ternal one,

On the morning of the 12th of July we left
Genève seven in company two in a cab
riolet & five on horseback. The first thing
that offers itself to the attention of the tra
veler is the town & harbour of Versoy or
rather the plan of both. Upon some misun
derstanding between the court of France &
Genève Le duke de Ch— who was then mi
nister determined to revenge himself by
building a town whose superiour attrac
tions should draw to it the usual visitors of
Geneva whilst his armed vessels were to
oblige the traders on the lake to enter their
commodities at his port whose strength prom
ised an intire security. Fortunately for
Genève when the piers of his port had not a

only run their intended lengths but the
stone work was already two foot above the sur
face of the Water, & a fine road was
compleated with a very elegant bridge
to which he was to have formed a River,
the Duke was suddenly turned out.
the town was to have been upon an emi
nence from the lake & ~~was~~ You may now
trace the intended streets, which with
one row of houses a vast heap of stones
& his port & bridge half finished are
the only remains of this mighty attempt.
in our way to Rolpe the town where we
dined We passed through Nion a very
ancient village formerly fortified.
it is here some antiquaries pretend
& the Town is since rebegan.

to trace the relics of Caesars wall
though common sense can suggest two
very evident reasons to prove all such
conjectures vain. the first is that a
Wall at that place could neither have
been guarded by Caesar who he himself
tells was incamped at Geneve, nor could
prove of the least service to him as the Hel
vetiens were allready on the banks of the
Rhone ten miles this side of it, not to
mention that there must have a conside
rable earthquake since as the distance
between Nion & Mont Jure is only ten miles
whereas Caesars Wall was eighteen. We
The castle of the Baylif once a Monastery
dined at Rolle & drank some wine decoted
14 years old as good a Rhenish. After Din

Walking in the fields I stumbled
upon a company who were diver
ting themselves like true wifs at
the Martial exercise of the Bow.
their bows & arrow where finely formed
& looked, which indeed was the truth
as if they had descended from Genera
tion to Generation. The Elder of the
company who by the by was the best
hand took occasion on perceiving
we were English, to put us in mind of
what he sayd was our duty to remem
ber, that the English had once been the
best Marksmen in the World, & that
Robin hood a famous archer in the

of one of our Henry's had hit a mark with an arrow at a distance that was scarcely credible even in Swiss. We might have had some more conversation with them had they not unluckily began to demand some account of Robin & little John, which to hide our ignorance answered by general answers & returned to our companions who were setting of for Losanne where we proposed staying.

Between Rolle & Losanne is Morge a very pretty town consisting of three Rows of houses running paralel with the lake. The harbour is very neat consisting of

of too little arms that run out into the lake at the end of both the Architect has placed two little square towers, which gives it perfectly the air of a considerable harbour as you leave the town you have at your right hand the church which is enjoining & if the upper was not rather heavy would really be magnificent. the views from the Windows of it or it upon the lake are really superbe.

The first thing that struck us as we entered Losanne was a match at Cricket upon a green before the town. It is situated as Old Rome

was I mean upon hills as to the num
ber I am not certain which are al
most impossible in carriages. To
build ~~intended~~ a city intended for
commerce in a place almost impreg
nable was the Work of Roman Ca
tholick Religion. The Virgin Mary
hoped a church upon a hill & hone
followed honce till it became
what it is. It has a library a
church
Menage: one of the finest Protestants
churches (for they became Dissenters with
Luther) A Menege & Masters of every
kind as there are generally ma

~~inhabitants~~ are English there for
Education. as it is situated high
& about the middle of the lake you
may command from a bench
in a walk out of town the
whole lake of Geneva. After passing
through several little towns situated
upon the lake we reached Vevay
about eleven. Of all the beauti
ful country. Vevay the situa
tion of Vevay is the most charm
ing. The country every thing that is
romantick is assembled as it were
by nature & ~~own~~ Man's art ... By

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about eleven. Of all ~~states~~ beauti

ful countrys near Vivais the situa

tion of Vivais is the most charm

ing. Who can see every thing that is

romantick softened as it were

by cultivation unmoved? By

the appearance of the portal, one

would suppose they carried on a great

trade. It was here Ld G Sackville lived

…ied the rocks over the side of the …

…it a glorious prospect. We left

Rivais after dinner for Bex. In

our Way An old Castle by the road side

as we thought, struck us with some

curiosity to see it. We accordingly

alighted & were not a little surprised

to find it entirely independent of the

land & situated upon a Rock so

very steep that the castle took up

the surface & really seemed floating

on the Water which according to

ein interpleter was unfe the uable
on every side. We were led from
couch to couch & descended into pla
ces formerly dungeons for prisor
[illegible] & [illegible] of dungeons were
designed to strike terror into the
human breast, these are more wo[illegible]
thy of that name than any I ever
saw. When the Bourbons conquered
this part of the country from Savoy,
it is reported that the Governor of
this place held out for two years
longer than other place, & [illegible]
escaped [illegible] obliged no doubt by famine

swimming over the lake to the
other side upon a whole 7 miles,
now true you are as Good a Judge
as I am. As there nothing particu
in any of the towns except
fine situations they all shared
common, we shall leave them
pass to Bex where we lay. Bex
situated about 3 leags beyond the
beginning of the lake in swiss. After
having hasped a good night in the
[illegible] of the place, there being
no room in the inn. The next morn
rising about six we set of for the
famous Salines. Could I have been

snatched up by some Genie when
I was reading in my infancy the Arabian
Tales, & carried to the actual view of
the one of those Palaces Daemons or Genies
are says to have inhabited under the earth
my astonishment could scarce have been
greater than it was when alighting about
half way up a mountain from our horses
we entered a kind of door & were con
ducted through a path just big & high
enough for one person; through the
bowels of a Mountain formed of solid
rock.— The Glimmering of the lamps
before & behind, just lights enough
to shew the rocks & tapers of our candles

ters, who doubtless borrowed an additio-
nal horror from their situation, the hol-
low sound of our own feet, & our enqui-
ries after each other which sounded
like thunder, all these conjoined together
gave us no bad idea of a descent into
the infernal regions, an idea to which the
strong smell of Sulpher did not a
little tend to encourage. At length we
arrived at the mouth of the funnel
which runs to the amazing distance
of 764 feet under ground. Though we
had determined to see every thing,
I must say that the opening of two back [?] doors
which covered this funnel, which through

it seemed immense at first was no
bigger than two common chimnies, &
was
a knowledge of this immense depth which
partly exagerated by a lamp whose
feeble ray was faintly discernable at the
bottom of the larger funnel (for there
are two one by which I descend, & the o-
ther by which they let down the buckets)
struck terror into the breasts of us. Shame
however held us mute, & the conductor
taking silence for consent, imme
diately prepared by shifting himself
to his shirt, after having prepared
in the same manner, I first guided
by the light of his lamp to
my

a ladder which was almost perpendicular
& descended, as the ladder changed every
fifteen steps their was accordingly
a kind of landing place between each
which gave no little courage to those
who had any fears of tumbling. thus
we descended a lamp between every
two initirely to the bottom where we
found two or three Workmen working
on slantingly with a chisel & hammer,
in search of the salts, to which they
were guided by streams of salt Water
which with proper preparation be
comes salt. Good God I never can
describe my feel when I affected that

It was necessary if I ever wished
to see day light again to climb the
immense hight, which could not
even be descended without immense
pain. It is amazing the effect [courage]
[that] of seeing others participating your
dangers & fatigues gives to the breast
of the weakest. Not to mention
the shame of being out done, which
I beleive never operated more strongly
than now. Though there was not one
of us who I am sure would not have
intirely despaired of seeing light
again had he been alone, yet we

all mounted couragiously together
& at last arrived to the tob half
dead With the fatigue of having
descended & ascended 764 feet by
ladders very litte short of being
perpendicular. As soon We had
got our Cloathes on & Shoulderd our
horses we Were ~~Were~~ conducted to another
with this solagement however that
there was no descent. You will cer
tainly think ~~thinking~~ I am putting the
traveller upon you when I tell you
that having entered for two or three
hundred Yards the body of the Moun
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all mounted couragiously together & at last arrived to the top half dead with the fatigue of having descended & ascended 264 feet by ladders very little short of being perpendicular. As soon we had got our cloaths on & thanked our hosses we were conducted to another with this solagement however that there was no descent. You will cer tainly think I am putting the traveller upon you when I tell you that having entered for two or three hundred yards the body of the Moun tain we were immense reservoirs of

salt water in pools dug by the
chisel out of sollid rock, whilst
immense wheels which raised
it were turned by streams of
fresh Water directed to that point,
in short, all the apparatus of
an immense manufactree in the
hearty of a Mountain of solid
rock. Instead of coming out the
same way we entered as in our
rock Mine, we were conducted by
the best stone stairs we ever saw
the very top of the Mountain, I
leive to Immagine what I felt

at thus emmerging from darkness
~~among~~ & finding myself in the
middle of a Wood which covered
the top of the Mountain, & almost
stunned by the noise or rather
thunder of a torrent white as
milk rolling down immense rocks
which had twice ~~be~~passed under
in the course of our expedition.
it was some time before I could
hear the Sou, & the air though
not particular when I entered
seemed to be perfumed with violets
& roses. I thought we should never
have finished laughing at the re

ridiculous figures of each other at our emergements for every one had on an old somthing like a Waggoners frock & a kind of half rag by way of cap upon our heads. So much for the Jubilees which took us up about 4 hours, we returned & breakfasted with sto- machs that nothing but our late infernal visit could excuse.

~~Afterward~~ After having finished so necessary an article & gave a little charity to an English Woman who had lived thirty year, Were ch of

for the famous cascade of Pisse vache following the course of the Rhone & crossing it at Saint Maurice. Here begins le paye du Vallais a free people ~~en~~tirely unconnected with their neighbours the Bernois or Savoyards. they inhabit the mountains in little ~~mountains~~, villages, rich enough to gratify their hospitality to strangers & too poor to attract the envy of any superiour power. indeed their poverty has conduced more I believe to the safety of Switzerland than ~~their~~ its Mountains or even the much talked of bravery of ~~the~~ its & poor inhabitants. Not that all Switzerland

for the cantons of Bern & some other
are a strong instance to the contrary.
at length we arrived at the famous
cascade of Pissevache. here stop a
while & work your immagination up
to such a pitch as to fancy yourself
standing by me, for my immagination
must also carry me back there to
ennable me to paint it) Doubtless
your attention be diverted by the Rhone
running at your back, or the Moun
tains on the other side of it either
of black dismal rock with rills of
water occasionally gushing out from
them or covered with forests, but

cast your eyes up & behold a considera
body of Water falling over a
precipice of 400 feet observe how
after leaving the top like some sub
stantial body the air ~~acts~~ forms it
into sheet of transparent Water, whole
~~the Sea is a~~ or scatters in to a heavy
rain at the distance of many yards,
which occasionally form the finest
Rainbows. If your eyes are suffici
ently glutted & you cant trust the
drum of your ears any longer I'l
consent to let you go back to
which I will return to my narration.

We left Pipevache with hearts that
prognosticated to us (how truly let
my discription & your own expe
riance tell You) that We were lea
ving the finest sight of its kind
in the World. As We were coming
back rain & hunger drove us into
a small auberge remarkable for
nothing ~~but nothing~~ but the singu
lar beauty of the Landlords daugh
ter. She was making some haricot
for a few Capuchin travelling Fathers
& upon my asking her what kind
of men they were, sayd with

an innocence, which was only
necessary to the best turned figure
& finest face to make her divine;
that she would venture her life
that those that had beards were
so, as for the others she was not cer-
tain. I was willing to shew my
merit in this last article since
chance had cut me of from any other
& rubbing my cheek against
hers bid her adieu. Instead of
crossing the bridge at S Maurice
for Bex we kept on on the side
of the Rhone leaving it to Fortune
to find a house for our reception.

After having followed the road that
road that presented itself which was
occasionally through little scattered
Villages & other times through lanes
with fruit trees though unhappily
for us as yet unripe hanging upon
our heads we arrived at Monthey
a small village opposite to Bex
where we were told there were accommo
dations for a Prince. Fancy me
Whom you know to be a woman
thick man travelling at night I knew
not whither, & arriving at a place
called an inn, which looked exactly
like some ancient remaining tower
of a castle Whom Bertie Ence

or some other natural cause had
intirely swept of inhabitants.
In vain did we ~~call~~ not a soul
would stir, & it was after much
difficulty that we found the
kitchen, which was inhabited by
a female that seemed the proper
relick of some Monster who might
have inhabited the castle a century
a ~~year or two~~ Century ago. One of our servants
both got some fish & stewing them
gave an excellent supper to hungry
people, after supper and a little
punch we were conducted to a large
kind of a thing like a Roome in which

there existed not one the piece of furni
ture but a ~~three legd table~~ a table
whom time had made a tripod
of, a broken chair, a long bench
& the shattered remains of a cham
ber pot. In these apartments five
of us reposed ourselves the other three
found beds elsewhere. From ~~Thornberg~~
We followed the Rhone down St Tengo
where We took boat for Thonon.
The would need a pen much finer than
mine to describe ~~the beautiful~~ the beautifully
~~the~~ striking prospects, & the charming
variegated views which either

side of this spatious lake afforded us.
Paint if you can the lake smooth
& unruffled, occasionally reflecting with additio-
nal brightness the variegated colours
of the overhanging clouds, the country
rising at first in gentle slopes covered
with the beautiful cultivation of
vines, save where a village interven-
ing here & there added the charms of vari-
ety to the extensive green, & rising at
length with lofty craggy Mountains
the whiteness, of whose tops seemed in-
tirely incompatible with the Warmth
of the air we breath, & no way distinguish-
able

from the surrounding heaven then
by ~~its~~ their superior whiteness. about seven
we arrived at Thonon, after having taken
once more ~~who had~~ horse at the conclusion of
the famous rocks of Millerie, which
run very steep into the Lake. At
Thonon ~~we~~ began the effects of the neighbour
hood of Geneve, in the cultivation of
their ground the Genevois have set an
example which their demand for pro
visions have encouraged the neighbou
ring Savoyards to follow. I have often
reflected upon the particular fate of this
honest oppressed yet happy people, happy
far as happiness can arise from

natural goodness of heart independant of every other assistance. The Church seems in reality here to rule with a rod of Iron, practising upon the ignorance & superstition of the people so far that at Thomar a small town the citizens & country people were burthened with the Maintenance of seven convents, "where slumbered Monks purple as their wines". Many times have I seen poor ragged children running out of the little smoky cottages of their equally ragged parents ~~with~~ eating morsels of a black bitter composition of little flower, more bran, salt & water called bread, with the simple addition of hunger to make it palatable, whilst enter but

a church and gewgaw alters, cruci
fied Jesus's upon gilded crosses ugly
as Satan, & Virgin Marys with hair
dressed, faces painted & a profusion
of false stones & tinsels strike your
attention. The Roman Catholick relig
ion appears (notwithstanding many
ridiculous additions) to have its
good effects. Its disciples it is true
are generally poor, but always hap
py. & though confession may be a
resource for vilains, it is certain
ly a heaven on earth to the good re=
penting Man. How much better is
it that he whose conscience charges

him with the commission of some past crime should be able on entering the church, which is always open for his reception, & throwing himself on his knees to pour out his heart before God, & thus make his peace & than suffer it to rankle in his mind for ever, & by either representing itself always to his memory, or encouraging him to others of the like nature, destroy his happiness eternally. As for the crosses set up on the high roads, so far from rediculing I admire them, & if a cat or what you please ch
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in the same place was likely to encourage religious ideas, I would have no five miles without one. From Thonon to Geneva the prospects are divine and the Cultivation on a very good footing, I saw nothing remarkable but an old castle in a ditch I had been nearly lost some time ago in endeavouring to jump with a horse of this country, who very useful, have no more idea of Jumping, than their

Masters of Fox hunting.

Tuesday Night 10 o'clock — [illegible]

May the Genius of Switzerland strew poppies upon thy pillow this night, May she stand by Your bed Side, & guard her Sleeping son from all malignant spirits; — sleep on dear, dear Historian, for sleep thou certainly dost at this moment; may You dream of doing good actions, & wake with the joyful certainty of seeing Bonstetten before the setting sun. I am just returned home from Genthod after talking You over with Mad: Bonnet, She loves You so well, & you may live so happy under the Shadow of her hospitable Roof, that if You not live there, You deserve to live nowhere. Dont forget to Speak to Bonstetten on this head. — Lay down Your Commas for a moment, & reflect, dear Historian, at the time that We have passed together, does it not seem at present like a fine walk in a summer's evening? — have not our days slid away insensibly each of them marked with the acquisition of some degree of knowledge? — have we not bore even the rigours of Winter with all its dira turba comitantium, & found in one another conversation in our mutual studies therewithall to make us regard the want of all fashionable pleasure as None, at Most, a very trifling sacrifice? — consider these & 30 other things which Your own mind indicates, & then tell me whether it is possible that our friendship should be short & fleeting? — whether it is possible that We should cease to love each other Whilst We breathe? No — though seas should

roll, though Mountains should rise between us, yet will our souls always touch one another. — I am just come home from Yon tho' as I told You, a fiend, that I am in a fair way to satisfy the wish of my friend de Vegobre's heart in furnishing him with a cause. — You must know, for I know that You burn with curiosity at present; — that the renowned Mr Gaspard Joslin, affronted at the mistake of Mr Picot, & burthened with a quantity of Hay, & Straw, which he had provided for my quadrupeds is determined to sue me for my having broken my agreement with him; — my distress is not very great as Mr Picot's that with all manner of Justice be saddled with the blame. — But say You, Good god! is it not enough that My ears have been stunned with Picot, & Joslin for this week past, but what You must pursue me with them & your disputes quite to Valeires? — that's true, & so I won't speak any thing more about it. — & now, dear, dear Muller, good Night; I am just a going to bed, & shall think of You for half an hour before I fall asleep ——

Wednesday
It is now 6 & 1/2 o'clock, dear Historian, & my friends de Vegobre & Turrettini have just left me, having both business in town that prevented their passing the Evening here: indeed I did not press them very much, as my mind was longing to be with You. I have been so idle to day that I have not read

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a Bed of Illness — My Morning has been chiefly taken up in conversing with the Good My Lord Clive & the shrewd Mr Fraser, with whom I breakfasted, & in packing up for Genthod. — I do assure thee; my friend, that notwithstanding the convenience I foresee of living near our Patrons, & notwithstanding all the Philosophy I can muster up, the thoughts of this being the last Night that I am to spend at Chambesy give a kind of tincture to all my ideas, that resembles the Solemn one of Melancholy: — So capriciously are we constituted, that we feel the worth of what we possess ten times more than ever, when we are upon the Eve of losing it: this is exactly my case. — methinks Jaquemet seems honester, his Wife more affable, & his Milkmaid handsomer than Ever. — Mont Blanc too, & the lake are big the one more magnificently high, the other more beautifully clear, than Ever I saw them in this Point of View: the trees too, that shade our little avenue, where I, & my historian have so often walked side by side, seem decked more luxuriantly, with whiter, & more sweet smelling blossoms than before: in short no sooner am I certain of leaving our poor Chambezie, that I feel like some Love sick Youth torn from the complying object of his wishes

I hear the bells in town strike seven, the distant sound of them suits well with the tranquillity of every thing about me. "Now fade the glimmering Landshapes on the sight — & all the Earth a solemn Stillness holds — Save where the Evening dit" &c:— Bonstetten would not admire my poor ~~phraseology~~ introducing the Name of [illegible] into a stanza of his Friend's Gray's Verses; but to calm his wrath, tell him, (you might) how apt I am to ennoble the easy Wit in my comparisons.— I am uncertain, as the Great Magnano is not this Moment at My Elbow, whether this letter can be dispatched after You to morrow morning; if it cannot, I shall write a Word to ~~From~~ Genthod.— Adieu, dear, dear Historian ———

Genthod. Thursday - 11 o'clock at night.
Here I am, dear Historian, after having passed the Evening the other side of the way with ~~our~~ Patrons.— Ma foi! if we ever change House a second time, I'll take care to get away ~~betimes~~ betimes, & leave You to feel in Your turn how disagreeable a piece of Work it is:— It is not that the trouble of packing up ~~[illegible]~~ is as great as You may imagine; but the abandoning, & that for ever, a place where one has passed near a Year with a friend, where ~~[illegible]~~ the mind has made a considerable progress in different branches of Knowlege, must cost something to the Man whose ~~[illegible]~~ is not devoid of Sensibility — What Hearts though

obdurate as flint, could have refrained from melting at seeing Honest Jaquemet, & his Wife take leave; the latter burst into tears, whilst her husband shook me tenderly by the hand, which I held out to him for that purpose, praying ~~that~~ me not to spare him if ever an occasion of his being useful should offer itself.— I gave him your sword, as you ~~desired~~ ordered, & desired him to Cut all their throats With it who should speak ill of You;— this was not putting him in the Way to lead an idle life ~~You'll sa~~ you will say, but No matter for that.—— I believe that I should not have seen my coffin enter the Court Yard With a heavier Heart, than I saw our goods go out of it.— Poor Chamberisie! says I, & Must I then quit You? & so saying I put Spurs to My horse & hurried out of sight.— Mysota does not come a ~~Monday~~ Sunday— Tell Bon: How Much I love him—

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Monsieur

Monsieur de Bonstetten

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presentement à Berne

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I am at Crassier & just got out of bed: though it is just day break, yet I have light enough to write to you. Imagine my feelings, my dear Mother, as I passed before Mr Bonnets door, that door which had been always opened for me, & which I hardly ever came out of without being either wiser, or better or both than when I entered. — I know Mad: Bonnets heart too well not to be certain that she will take my going away without taking leave in good part, & will thank me for having spared her a moment, which would I am sure, have cost her ~~self~~ something, not to mention how infinitely painful it would have been to myself. — Need I tell you that I shall never cease to love & respect her & Mr B whilst I live? & when I do, may my name become proverbial for ingratitude. — I shall treasure up all I can retain of Mr Bonnets principles in my heart, as a fund ~~store~~ from ~~which~~ which I may draw comfort in time of adversity, moderation in prosperity, & encourage=ment to every thing that is good & great. — My Lord Clive is a most excellent man, & has a heart susceptible of friendship to a very great degree whilst I was undressing last night he came & sat down in my chamber, & began to talk to me about my future ~~p~~ travels, then about my expences, & at last concluded by telling me, that in case my money should fall short in Italy, he hoped I would remember that I had a friend at Crassier who would be always ready to supply me: he added — this American War can not fail deranging your finances, & I have more money at this mo=

moment than I know what to do with —— the Servant tells
me that my Horses are ready so that I have only time to tell you
to write to Martin, a Mr Clason, & not to forget the waffles ——
Another thing — As my purse may possibly be drained before
I quit Geneva & as it is now too late for me to draw upon my
Guardian, suppose you were to desire Mr Bonnet de ma part
de vous remettre 10 - ou 12 Louis pour moi — I don't doubt
of his readiness & you may hire by the Means of the Letter which
I shall send you from Turin & out of which also you are
to Pay Mr Clason —— Adieu — My dearest Muller ——
& Dimanche ——— K — Chafias Thursday Morn.
Messieurs Trevor & Clin assurent mille amitiés — & present their
respects to the family you at present belong to ——

Do not forget to bring to town on Sunday
the history of the house of Savoy — it is bound
up with the Polymetis — Vale —

Monsieur
Monsieur Muller
a Genthod - près de
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We took leave of one another, my dear Muller, in a manner suitable to our friendship, & like two men who knew ~~one one~~ each other too well, not to be certain that their connection is of a nature not to be destroyed by time, or impeded by any physical Obstacles whatsoever: Instead of being afflicted at being obliged to quit one another, why not rather reflect upon, & thank providence for the happiness we have enjoyed during one whole year, & a half?— & why not conceive that it is highly probable that that happiness may one day return?— In the Mean time, Bestir yourself, my good Muller, & if the Laudable Ambition of enlightening your fellow countrymen, & tracing back to their origin the laws, manners, & liberties of your Country does not sufficiently encourage you to undergo every labour, to bear, & that chearfully, ~~every~~ the pains necessary for the compleation of your Work; reflect upon our friendship, think how much it is in your power to ennoble it, & make me proud to boast myself Yourself ~~Your~~ friend. For my part— I feel the pleasure of improving my heart, & head much, too sensibly ever to lose sight of the road that you have put me into, or to let slip the Clue [fil] that M^r B has put into my hands, & which is alone capable of conducting me to happiness. Nor shall the Memory of Madame Bonnet be useless to me; many, & many a time shall I think of her, nor will I if I can, ever have to reproach myself of doing any thing which might give her pain, were she to hear of it.— In short I will conduct myself as well I can, & write to you oftener perhaps than you would chuse—

Tis well you went away as soon as you did this Morning, or the Sight of our Splendid

equipage would have made You laugh in Spight of Your inclination of to
be sorrowful. Imagine to Yourself a Cabriolet that looked as if it was falling
into ruins, two horses, one a large & the other a Small one, & a postilion, who
though born in the favoured Soil, which Contains the Ashes of Virgil, had
more the look of a Cut throat, than any one I ever Saw — Martin & I [illegible]
ascended this triumphal Char about half an hour after eight, with found
a place at our feet, & Magninac, mounted on a long, lean, tall Steed came
trotting after — We dined at a place called Frangi, Situated at the Back of
the Warle, Which You See from Geneve, & in a little Valley Well Cultiva
ted enough — Instead of being struck with the Neglected State, Which the
fields & vineyards of the savoyards appear in, one is rather Surprised to
see them So Well Cultivated as they are; for cast your Eyes on every
side, no sign of habitation appears, no Villages, as in Switzerland, to deck any
Valley, & clean the bleak tops of the Mountains — I speak only of the Country
between this Wretched place, & Geneve — for I am Told that the Country near
Chambery is better peopled & Cultivated. — The Miserable place I speak of
is — Rinning — (I am not Certain of the Name) where — by the by — the Inn
is better than I expected — I supped With a Turinois, a good Sensible man,
who had travelled a good deal, & Who indicated to Us the few things to be Seen
upon the Road to Turin — Le Gros Madame, he Says, grows leaner every
day in the Mouths of every Courtier, though fatter in reality, — the quantity
of Victuals She devours in a day is enormous — I am very Satisfied With my fellow

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15 — ^en Sons We are now at Chambery contrary to our intention Which Was to have passed the night at Montmelian — but our ill looking Vetturino thought fit to take up the Whole afternoon in repairing a part of our carcase of a Cabriolet, Which had given away as I expected — though Chambery is far from ^being a great town, ~~yet~~ it has nevertheless a Considerable influence upon the face of the country all around it, & the the Gloomy prospect of Solitude & desolation Which prevails about Tozangi & Rimini clears up a little. — The town is Small — not Well built — & commanded on every side by rising grounds, Which are Well Cultivated, & which finish in lofty Mountains — the Society, I am told, is good in Winter, & the few female faces I saw gave me a good ~~affair~~ opinion of the Sex — It has a Senate Which is considerable, & ~~which~~ exempted from the Land-Tax — the Senate is divided into three Chambers, two for civil & one for Criminal affairs — en dernier resort, his Majesty appoints the Senators, who are in general all Piemontese — with now & then a Savoyard among them — This — & a great deal More which I have not the Conscience to ennuie You With, I learned from a Man, whom I met out of town upon a little hill, which overlooks it, & out of which Gushes a Stream, which furnishes Water to the Whole town. The Only ~~...~~ resource of the ~~young~~ Savoyard Gentlemen is the ~~...~~ Army, as for the daughters of poor families — that neither marry nor embrace professions, they retire into Convents, of Which there are numbers; some of them are but too rich — their Lands however, & that's one Comfort, are taxable. — If fear is the principe of a despotick government, why are the Savoyards, who Surely labour under one, so attached to their King? — They received Him so Well in his Last expedition, that they flatter themselves with having inspired him with a better opinion of their faithful Subjects than ~~perhaps~~ they have ^as yet had ~~always~~ ~~occasion~~ reason to think he before entertained — This ha...

ever has not as yet appeared — The Peasants prohibited have the priveledge of hunting, & this, with the heavy taxes their lands are Burthened with, renders them idle ———. Was not you Well Satisfied With the Picture I gave You of our Friend Bonstetten's felicity? — It made an impression upon me which I Shan't forget for a long time — Lord Bacon recommends somewhere in his Writings the Sight of a fine prospect to a Man Whose Mind is Uneasy, ~~[illegible]~~ So Would I recommend the Contemplation of a happy Couple, a Couple Whose happiness is built upon a More Solid Basis than that of fortune, as a powerful incentive to Virtue. — If Bonstetten is happy, ~~and~~ are You less so? ——— Tell me, my dear historian, Were You permitted — a certis animis remeare peractum —— Where Could You Wish Yourself rather than at Genthod? at Genthod, where far removed from the little cares, & anxieties Which perplex, & distract the commonality of Men, You may calmly, and at Your leisure cultivate Your reason, & improve Your mind, & where Philosophy, uniting to her own native charms, those of Modesty, & adorned by a glowing imagination, is always at hand to Conduct advise, & conduct You? When the day comes, that is to Separate You from Mon: & Mad: B, You will then only be capable of rightly feeling how happy You are now: — every hour of the day I endeavour to Conjecture What are You doing at Genthod, Sometimes I see You reading with Mr B — at Others conversing with my much loved M: B — sometimes walking out, & casting a wistful eye upon the Little Mansion where our days have Slid away so happily, & so much to our mutual Benefit —— It is now half an hour after ten & I must go to bed, for our Conductor lets us know that We must set of at half after 4 tomorrow to Make up for the time lost to day —— Never forget to Tell my Best of Friends how much I love them — they will I am Sure do Me the Justice to Believe me — [Plutarch] I have read your letter & will Speak to you of it another time ——

Q: Send me on a Scrap of Paper all Sentences

St Michel — thursday 33/34

If You have received a letter I left for You at Chambery Wednesday Morning You will have learnt that we Lay there Teusday nigth. — at Aiglebelle begins a deep Valley at the Bottom of which flows the Arc, this valley Continues all the Way to Mont Cenis, & by narrowing, & widening itself, when one least expects it, affords Many singular, & some very Beautiful Views — at Aigue Belle also, & what is Singular enough, one begins to Meet now, & then some of those disgraces to the human Species, that Go under the Name of Cretins. The people of the Place attribute those Monstrous Goitres which disfigure so many Individuals in the Valais & some few in this Country, to the quality of the Water they drink; if So, their Rivers of Melted Snow bring down a more monster-making Potion, than Ever Circe presented to the Companions of Ulysses — I never talked to Mr B about these Cretins; I wish that I may not have to repent myself every day of my life of not having asked his opinion of Something. — You may beleive that I beheld St John de Maurien with Some degree of Curiosity, it is the Principal Bourg & I beleive the only one, of the Valley of Maurien — Every thing bears a Smiling appearance on every Side of the Bourg, which would make one think the The Spirit of old Humbert still inhabitated it, & that he was pleased at the ~~Lea~~ Extent of Territory which his descendants had added to this his Native Domaine — the Mountains that Surround, & almost hang over it, give one an idea of the hanging Gardens of Semiramis, for ~~there~~ there is so little earth in the Country, that the Peasants profit of the Little to be found here & there on those parts of the Rocks which are the least Steep — This has a very good Effect,

& the ~~Ey~~ Eye, fatigued with Wandering from one barren rock to Another, ~~[struck out]~~ fixes upon these little scattered spots of Vegetation with infinite Satisfaction. at a little distance from Maurien the bottom of the Valley is entirely taken up ~~for some distance in length~~ for more than a Mile by one Continued Vineyard — which as it was le temps de Vendange looked very animated, as did Those that reached, with intervals of barren rocks, up to the tops almost of the Mountain on one side of the valley, the Other was Covered with Wood — These Ethereal Vine-yards produce very good Wine to judge by hearsay & the Grapes that we saw several people employed in bringing down into the Lower Regions — What Can be the reason of the amazing difference between this Country, & that around Turin; & why do the Savoyards though labouring under a despotick, & rapacious government ~~which~~ ~~hardly any~~ shew a spirit of industry which hardly any Spirit Europe can ~~can~~ match? — Some of those vineyards are So Steep that I can not Conceive how a man Can Stand upright in them — & what is more astonishing you now & then see a little village dropping as it were out of the Clouds — We lay to night at Modane, & cross Mont Cenis to Morrow —— Master & I have not been able to read a great deal together, We have notwithstanding made shift to get through about 40 pages of les Considerations de Montesquieu — to Get through, I say, for it does not Deserve a Better name — There Is nothing I regret you for more, than for our not being able ~~any longer at~~ to read together — I have now no longer a speaking dictionary at my Side; besides people that are not better versed in Roman history, than my fellow Traveller seems to be, are apt to take for Argument in Montesquieu, what is the mere result of facts; & to dispute accordingly at Every Step, without comprehending the original intention of the Book; — which

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was to Explain, & not defend the Conduct of the Romans— I shall write to You to morrow night from the other Side of Mont Cenis— Martin is just entered the Room after a little adventure which proves how much the les Gens de Robe are respected in this part of the World— having desired the little boy of the house he found to conduct him to the little-house, he found it in ~~extremité~~ so very far from being as Clean as places of such General resort should be, that he could not refrain from making bitter complaints to ~~whose~~ his Conductor, Who answered him "Qu'il ne devoit pas s'en plaindre, puisque c'avoit été Mon: Le Juge-Mage lui Même qui l'avoit mis dans cet etat"— What Must the Royal authority be when even the Excrements of a Judge are Respected!

La Novalaise Friday night— We are just got down Mount Cenis, & though the difficulty of the road had been greatly exaggerated, yet Still Am I too much fatigued to Write a word more than this page admits of— The Ascent of Mont Cenis was made on Mule-back, & I was agreeably surprised on arriving at the top to find a little lake, which puts me in Mind of the Lac de Joux which We had seen together— the Descent We undertook, & Completed on foot— it is much longer than the Ascent, & considerably Steeper in Most places— What interested me most were the ~~lofty~~ Cascades that gushed out from rocks at a ~~Con~~ monstrous height in the air, & the torrents that ~~the~~ rolled foaming along in the bottom of the valley, the rough & healthy looks of the inhabitants, & ~~the thoughts~~ to think that I breathed the air of a Country where so many great Men had lived, so many Great things been done, & where I promised myself so Much & Such innocent Satisfaction— Be Assured, My Mullen, that however taken up thy imagination may be, My heart Will be always Yours; not So intirely Yours however, as not to leave room enough for Ma Rad: B— & one or two More persons—

Monsieur

Monsieur le Professeur Muller

chez Monsieur Bonnet

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Turin — 19 — Oc:

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I am just arrived at Turin, & You may judge What a good, I should say regular, correspondent I am likely to make, by My Setting down to Write to thee, dear historian, the very first thing I do — All that I have seen of Turin, as yet, announces the Greatest Magnificence; a noble avenue of trees, six miles long, leading up in a Straight line to the Gate, the roads full of people going backwards, & forwards, the houses well built, & the Streets regular, & generally finishing by Some publick edifice — Suze, Which We passed through in our Way from La Novalaise (at which place I left a letter for Your Worship) is renowned in books of travels for a triumphal arch built by Augustus, & adorned With the Roman instruments of War: Let this be as it Will, not a Soul We met With at Suze had ever heard of Such a thing, & as for two or three of the Garrison that We questioned upon the matter, determined, I suppose, to deny the existance of any triumphal arch that Was not of their own erecting, they flatly denied that there ever had been, or Was any Such thing in the Whole Country. The Same thing that happened to Bonstetten some time ago, When after being safely arrived from Lion, he Was overset upon the high road at Secheron, has happened to Us also — If ever there Was a dangerous road for Carriages it is that that leads through the Part of Savoye, Which is the Nearest to Piemont; if ever there Was Safe one, it is that which is between Turin & St Ambroise; & yet, such was the Will of the fates, after of having braved, & overcome all the dangers of the first, we were most Shamefully overset on the Second & our honour laid in the dust. We Were reading that part of the Siecle of Louis XV which treats of the last War in Italy, & Were going most humanely to the assistance of Genes With Monsieur de Boufflers, when the Above disaster took place: Martin, though seated on the opposite

Side from that on which the chaise fell, acquired by his superior weight such velocity in the fall, as made Me find him under Me at the end of it; by Which Means I received No harm, & as he had the Same Good Fortune; We joined our efforts to those of Maquinac, & the Voituriny lifted up our carriage, & proceeded on to Turin, which We Entered late enough to Save our pride. — We have in the Course of our Voyage here passed thro the Extremes of heat & Cold, for it Was almost as hot at the foot of Mont Cenis as it Was Cold at the Top of it, but be assured, My Muller, that neither of the two will be able to freeze the Warmth of my friendship, or relax the Energy of it — I had Writ as far as this last night, but finding this Morning that I had began upon a Sheet, one quarter of which had already been Writ upon, I re began my letter but have Copied it Word for Word — to day is the 20th, & we have employed our morning in seeing two or three things amongst the numbers that travellers generally visit — the King's Palace is to me, who never saw any other, most magnificent, the floors are inlaid, the Tables of the finest Marble, the Curtains of the finest sattin, or Silk, Silver is almost as Common as it Was in Montezuma's Pallace, & a profusion of looking glasses reigns through out — There are besides a great Many fine pictures, as the Connoisseurs Say; for my part I love those pictures that represent any interesting passage of antient, or modern history, & was less struck with Several master pieces, than with a Work of a Piemontais Painter, Which represented to the life the Combat d'Exiles — Here You might See the Piemontese army pouring down upon the French, as Manlius upon the Gauls, Who Were climbing up the Capitole, & driving them before them, Whilst the Ambitious — brave — rash — unhappy Belle-isle received the Mortal Wound, in endeavouring, though alone, & unseconded, to force his Way through the Enemy's Palissades — Apollon in the Action of Fleaing Marsias — is in my opinion a good picture — for, though

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the God, employed in an act Which Would degrade a Mortal, & resembles but little to that Chef d'Oeuvre, of Which We have So often admired the ~~Coppy~~ Copy, yet the figure of Marsias, the contraction of all his nerves, the Convulsion of his Muscles, the mixture of horror, & despair stamped upon his Countenance, now express a wretch, delivered over to the Vengeance of a Tyrant, & suffering the Most horrible tortures, that the Human frame is Capable of Enduring —

David (not He, who, with Sonorous voice pours out the Sapience of past ages into the Ears of the Galenguesyste, or Whose happy hand ~~[illegible]~~ conveys to posterity those Works, which after ages will admire, which Genius Smiles upon, & Which Virtue Claims for Her own) but another David, a somewhat greater Man, leaning upon his arm, as if fatigued, with the Head of Goliah by him, struck me as Well executed — the Strength, beauty & innocence of the youthful conqueror, mixed with an air of Modesty, & reliance upon God, form a Contrast With the frightful visage of his Enemy, whose brows still carries disdain with it, & whose eyes, though closed in death, are still the Eyes of Goliah — All this May be perfect imagination for What I know — & the Best thing you can do, my historian, it is to Consider it as such —— I met a Pilgrim the Other day — a Roman — in his Return from St Jaques de Compostello, where he had been for the remission of his Sins — When I considered the faith of the Good Man, & his Courage in obeying the dictates of it, I put my hand into my pocket, but When I reflected that his Ancestors had returned from the same country With the spoils honorable of many a Well fought Battle, I drew it out again by an involuntary motion; & the Pilgrim might have waited Some time Without ~~putting~~ turning my charitable disposition to his advantage, had not he affected the Tender heart of Martin, Who has really a great Many Good Qualities — It is now Half an hour past Eleven

I am just returned from the Opera, whilst Magnienne was arranging my hair I read Horace, but the Moment I was free, I sat down to Write a few lines to you — before I go to Bed — I am upon the Whole very Well Satisfied With the Opera, two or three tender airs, some sprightly ones, & the Elegance of the dresses of the dancers pleased me very much — ~~Not that~~ I did not like as far their dancing, or the ~~Costume~~ ~~[illegible]~~ their is not either Nature or Decency enough in it: the Plot of the Piece Was, like that of the Most part of the Italian Operas, very flimsy & very bunglingly carried on — Two Ladies who fell in love with the same man, He changing continually from one to the Other, a Lady in Love with her Conqueror, & marrying him at last; A father angry for two acts together, one knows not Why, & then mollified all of a sudden with as little reason — One thing that Struck me as vastly ridiculous, and as taking away all the illusion, Was this — You know there are always two boxes at every theater Which are directly upon the Stage, these two Boxes at the Theatre Carignan which is the one we have been at, are allotted for the Actresses to repose themselves in, When in the moments that they are Not necessary upon the Stage, the consequence of Which is, that Whilst a hapless lover is deploring in the most moving Strains the Loss of his Mistress, You see her very quietly taking snuff at a few Yards from him — In Short the Opera With a good deal of Merit did not fail tiring me at last, as for the Turinois they payed not the Least attention to any thing, but a few favourite airs, & my good friend Martin, though he loves Musick, forgot himself at length so far as to think, in going out, that he had been to Church, & had actually prepared his Piece of Money to throw into the Charity Box. To morrow Morning early I shall know Whether I have any letters at the Post or not, Good Night — my dear little ~~[illegible]~~ Historian, —

I shall Continue upon one then Sheet to morrow

Turin— the 21st — We are just returned from a Country house of the King's, called Stupinigi, where he breakfasts before he goes a hunting on monday & thursday, which are his Hunting days. The Confluence of people in the great hall, the Sight of the King Queen, & royal family at Breakfast, & the Beauty of the place in itself produced a number of agreable Sensations in my mind.— The King looks about between forty & fifty, his face though not very expressive, does not want Cleverness, but it is the Cleverness of a common Gentleman— his Manners seem polite, for he was very familiar with those about him.— The Queen may not have been Ugly when young, but was I to meet Her in the Street without any of the appendages of royalty, I should take Her for a ~~very~~ femme ordinaire, not well dressed, mais qui ne manquoit pas d'Esprit. As for the Princess, She is really very large, but by no means such a monster as I was prepared to See; on the Contrary, I think Her size has been much exaggerated, & that with a good deal of exercise, & some attention to her diet, She might dwindle down to be about twice as big as the Common race of Women— Her face is agreable, but her breasts are so redundant, that I don't know what to compare them to, but those of the Goddess Ceres, whose tetons, as Polymetis informed me, are always represented most enormously large, in order to denote the abundance of her Gifts, & their fertility— Sir William Lynch is not at Turin to My very great Mortification as you may suppose, His Secretary offered to present Me to the King, but as I should be obliged to wait here a week longer on that account, I have declined that Honour— I shall wait upon Monsieur Torras the banquier after dinner + here I was interrupted + I have since been chez Mon: T, he is to bring me a Lettre de Change upon a Banquier de Geneve tomorrow morning, which Lettre de Change you will receive friday morning contained in this letter.— Were I superstitious, I never would put my foot into a carriage again, for over & above our being overset, as I told you Before, the Spring of our Carriage has twice given way in publick, & Obliged us each time to return home on foot, which for well dressed people is not Comme il faut in this part of the World— Whether it is that

the idle life I have lead of late has somewhat increased my corpulency, or that the Springs of the Turinois Carriages are very bad, is a knotty question that I leave you, my historian, to determine. All Sunday the post was shut, & this Morning I was out of Town, by which Means I could never know whether there were any letters for me at the Post or not; this afternoon however I desired My Valet de place to go to the Post office for that purpose, & to bring me any thing that he may might find there to a Coffee house near the ~~the~~ Opera where I propo= sed waiting for him — Judge What My pleasure was When he ~~bring~~ entered the Room With a letter from my Mother in his hand; I snatched at it, & ma= king use of the privelege of the Place, fell a reading it Immediately. — My resolution had been to Go the Opera; but though Your letter Contained nothing contrary to Pleasure of so innocent a kind, yet it put into a train of thoughts that turned upon You, Gustavus, our past life & those our three then Father, & Mother; thus in Short into such a train of thoughts, that the Tears came into my eyes, I hurried home as fast As I could, sacrificing without reluctance the pleasure the Opera promised, to the more perfect, more pure Satisfaction of Conversing With You, of rea ding a Chapter or two Dans les Considerations, something in Horace, & of then going quietly to Bed — To morrow I shall Get up Soon — visit the Museum, & perhaps make a little Expedition out of Town — Be assured that the Love of instruction is inter woven in My Nature, that my end in life will be to make consist my own happiness in that of others as much as possible, that the desire of distinguishing myself in an honorable manner is a flame lighted up in my bosom, Which nothing, no nothing will be Ever Able to Extinguish, & that my hope is, that You Will, as well as me, always have reason to bless the day that brought us united, & those, Who encouraged our friendship, by making us both partake of theirs. — I am very glad that You history Muse, my Calliope, Who marks down the actions of the living, as Clio those of the dead, (I have Horace's word for it) Smile upon Your endeavours, & chear Your ennuies; ... deserve You a little Stool in the Elysian fields at the feet of Montesquieu & Tacite.

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that, such a Word as I would employ in Speaking of Mr Boone, You may employ
it as Coming from me to Mon: & Mad: Bonnet. — Good Night — diminutive historian,
diminutive in form, but Bulky, my enormous in reputation. ————

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I send You here enclosed a lettre de Change addressed to Chappui — I never thought of ordering it
to be payed at Sight till it was too late — So that You Will have the desagrement of waiting
days for the Money — After having paid Mess: Chauvet & Claron, with & returned Mr Bonnet,
what he Was so kind as to advance, me & for Which I need not tell how many thanks You are
to ~~make~~ give him, — very little will I am afraid remain in Your hands. — if so let me know —
My Expenses are so considerable, though I endeavour to make them square With my circumstances,
that had I sent You More, I should have been obliged to Wait make too large a draught
upon England —— Every thing I have in the World, my dear Muller, is as much
Yours as it is mine — so that I say nothing more to You — though the Post does not go out
till tomorrow yet I shall Seal up my letter here, as it Would otherwise cost to ~~[illegible]~~
a Sire — I had better begin another letter, & I hope to be Able to put Something [illegible]
more interesting into it. Tell me whether You have received My two Letters from
Chambery — & la Novalaise —— If Mr Bonnet Would be so good as to lend us 8 Louis more,
You might pay Chauvet, & return them to Line with the Other fourteen at the end of the
week — for I like as little to be indebted to the one — As I do to owe every thing to the other —

Adieu —— à Milan ——

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Monsieur

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Monsieur le Professeur Muller

chez Monsieur Bonnet

à Genthod, près de

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American news — it is strictly true, & I doubt not, but What New York shall be taken very soon, or rather is now taken — What has hindered Gen: Howe from carrying the Town Sword in hand long ago is an Epidemical disorder which has for some time past swept off numbers of my my brave, deluded Countrymen. —

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informed of any thing & in a distinct manner, & to the number of People that are about me, for our trunks are packing up, & every thing is getting ready for to [illegible] morning —— I had several times seen of the prettiest figures imaginable at [illegible] of an apartment that faces ours, & which is a part of the inn; Curious to know of who it was, I asked one of the Servants, who informed me, that it was the Landlords' daughter, whom to prevent accidents, kept carefully immured in her Chamber. This awakened increased my desire of being able to converse with her; judge then how great the pleasure was to meet her one day by Chance upon the Stair Case! — whether there was something friendly or not in my air, I can't tell, but So it was, that she recounted her History to me in a few words — Her Father & Mother — who might each of them have spared Juno the trouble of employing her Argus, [illegible] watch her motions so rigidly, that She dares not open her mouth to any one in their presence — & never goes out but [illegible] — & that to Church —— do not you pity her?

Turin 25th of Sept.

I write to You, my dearest historian, once more before I leave Turin; — the day fixed for that purpose is tomorrow Morning — I know You too Well, & am too convinced of Your friendship to think that my letters will ever ennuie You, but don't be partial, let me know if I am too Copious upon some Subjects, & too Concise upon Others. — Intending to Write to You, as Much as I do, it is necessary that You should instruct me how to do so in a manner the most instructive, & agreeable both for You, & for Me — Though You have already given Me something concerning the History, & politicks of Italy, You must not the less for that let me profit of Your studious lucubrations, & above all don't be at all afraid of repeating to me what You have din'd into my ears a thousand times — Yesterday I Went to See the Museum, which I was very well satisfied With — In the Entrance is a Sleeping Cupid, the Work of a some Celebrated Artist in the happiest Age of Antient Greece. It is of White Marble — about the size that of a child of ten Years old. would think that the God of love, tired With his restless life had fallen asleep & is asleep upon A bed of Roses, & trusted in ~~of~~ His beauty as a Safe Guard from all harm — In the Same Chamber With this Master piece are Several Egyptian Statues, in the Posture, & with the air that Winckelman describes them With, so that one is Struck at first Sight with the Progress of the Art of Statuary through a length of Succeeding Ages — In Other Chambers are Several Heathen Gods, Vases &c: found at Industria, an old Roman Town, discovered Some time since at no Considerable distance from Turin: do You know Any thing of this Industria? — Among these Statues of Gods, which are almost all ~~not at~~ from 3 to 8 inches high, are some ~~Several~~ that brought to My Mind Several passages of Virgil's ~~Homer~~ Ovid, & tended to Strengthen the connection that Spence has laboured to find out betwixt Poetry, & Statuary: — Don't ask me a Word about the Table Isiaque, for I am ~~not Wit~~ not the Wiser for having seen it; imagine a Marble table of Common size

divided into Several Partitions each partition filled with some mystick figure for the Most Part the Goddess Isis in different postures, & under different appearances with Hieroglyphicks all round the Edges, & corresponding to each partition, some of which include a few Hieroglyphicks also. The Chevalier Tarin who Shews the Museum is a Greater Curiosity, I believe, for Turin, than any thing it Contains, for he is a well instructed, polite, modest Man. I asked him his opinion Concerning the Reason why the Egyptians, More than other nation, had taken Such care to preserve the bodies of their Ancestors; & the Answer which he hazarded was, that in the first place they had been extremely attached to their parents, & that their belief of the Soul's never quitting the body till the Day of Judgment, made them Anxious that it should be provided with as comfortable a Mansion as Possible — It is Certain that in all their buildings they seem to have been persuaded of an eternal duration of things, & to have known more than Many, who have Made the Whole circle of the Sciences, do, with respect to the Soul — Another thing he informed of, was ~~they~~ that he Every day discovered Some implement of the ancient Pagan Religion, which was still of use in the Catholick; ~~they~~ the Pagan Priests of the former had for instance a little bell, which they tinkled in an important Moment to awake the attention of their audience, as those of the latter have to this day. — The Chevalier Tarin added also that he had got together a great Many materials for a comparison between the Two religions, but that he left me to Judge, whether ~~it was likely that~~ he dared publish them, or not. — Piemont is one of the most fruitful Countries upon the Surface of the Earth, its Commerce is Extensive: the Principal ~~objects~~ articles are Rice, Silk, Cattle, Corn — upon every one of which the Balance is in its favor, So that the Inhabitants grow richer & richer every day —— A Wise regulation which Ordains, that the Silk Can not be Exported raw, combats in great measure the indolence that the Climate inspires, & keeps industry awake. The Revenues

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of the State amount to about 1–2,50,000:—— The Taxes that produce them are levied upon the Landed Estates only, & comprehend individuals of all ranks who are Land holders.—— The Expenses of the Year are always calculated before hand, and divided into indispensable, adviseable, & some other Word, which I can not call to mind at this Moment, & which signifies something like agreable, — if the fund appropriated to the indispensable expenses fails, & a part of that appropriated to the adviseable is touched upon to supply the defficiency, & so on — these grand divisions are divided into a number of subdivisions, so that one of which is for the King's private Purse, another for the Prince of Piemont's, another for the Army &c:—— By this Sage Economy, the King is well lodged, can afford to keep horses, & hounds, & to build Country houses — 170,000 Men are kept upon foot in time of peace, & the State in no... thing — The Government is not more despotick in appearance, than in reality, but as it is commonly said to be, & is for ... The King publishes no edict that has not been passed through the hands of the Chancellor (who in many respects represents the People) The Senate (which is the principal Tribunal for the Administration of Justice) & the Procureur General — If he is now, & then constrained to rise above the Laws, it is in things of importance, & when the in cases that seem to demand that a power to do should lodge some= where — He for instance refused very lately a Young Nobleman his permission to take advantage of a Certain Law, which now permits a Minor to dispose of his income from the from age of 14 — his reason was — that the Poverty of the Young man's Family & the likelyhood that they would live at his Expense; but the Answer he gave, was to a few Complaints that were uttered upon the Occasi on, was — Que Lorsque les loix de son pays de son pays ne lui plaisoient pas, il se croyoit en droit de les Changer. —— This was an answer calculated for the Meridian of Turky tis true, but on Contrary on the Other hand, one of the first laws in the Code Compiled in Great Measure by Z— Am:— & confirmed two years ago — is that in Law suits between the King & a Subject the affair shall be decided in favour of the latter — in case of a demurrer (a law term signifying a doubt) You have heard no doubt of the

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shall rub up my French in order to Write to Mad: B from Milan, or at farthest
from Venice — in the mean time — tell both her & M B — how much I love them, &
that nothing that I have seen has been able to prevent of thinking of Genthod at least
twice a day — Good Night, my dear Historian, love M & Mad: B ——
Greet kindly the Good Pluts from me —— I have not time to Correct my letter, so par:

Monsieur

Monsieur le Professeur Muller
Genthod près de
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Milan — 27 xe #21 #3

My dearest Historian, I begin at the Top of the page in order to have the more room to Write to You, for You Would grow vain, were I to tell You how much pleasure I have in doing so — M— is un bon enfant, has a good deal of sensibility, & some knowlege, particularly of the Roman Law — But comparing him with thee, is comparing twilight with the Meridian. — I arrived at Milan last night, or rather in the Middle of the day from Novara, where the fields look as green, as if Your victorious Countrymen had never dyed them with French blood — About 7 o cloak in the Morning we arrived upon the Banks of The Tesin after passing through a Country, which its frequent devastations render unconceivable — Here the Whole passage of Virgil, that relates to Aeneas's passage into the Infernal Regions, rushed so forcibly upon my mind, that I could refrain from reading it all over, though obliged to do it alone: what would not I have given for You! — It was as I say'd before about seven, & Sun beams could scarce make their Way through the thick Clouds that cove red the Whole horizon, the Spot we stood upon, or at which Seemed but late[ly] have formed a part of the Bed of the River. for nor did we Stand alone, for we were surrounded by a large company composed of people of all kinds, some in Carriages, some on Horseback, & some on foot who One & all —

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The Tesin rolled along as impetuously as ever Acheron did, Our Boatmen might very Well have passed for Charon, & a twin Brother; an old Capucin, whose hoary beard, long robes & sandals gave him a look of the most remote antiquity, gave no bad idea of the Amphrysian prophetess, & such was the force of my imagination, that [illegible] stood Converted into Cerberus. — In the middle of the river were Several trees Torn up by the roots, & other marks of the horrible Havoch that it had made. The King of Sardinia Territory is, for the present, bounded by the Tesin, on the other side is the Village of Bufalora, where commences the domains of Maria Theresa — & where the Country, being more elevated by a great deal than that on the other side of the Tesin, affords the rich

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The Tesin rolled along as impetuously as ever Acheron did, Our Boatmen might very Well have passed for Charon, & a twin Brother; an old Capucin, whose rosary beard, long robes & sandals gave him a look of the most remote antiquity, gave no bad idea of the Amphrysian prophetess, & [illegible] Was the force of my imagination, that Wil stood Converted into Cerberus. — In the middle of the river were Several trees Torn up by the roots, & other marks of the horrible Havoch that it had made. The King of Sardinia Territory is, for the present, bounded by the Tesin, on the other side is the Village of Bufalora, where commences the dominions of Maria Theresa — & where the Country, being more elevated by a great deal [illegible] the [illegible] Tesin affords the rich

est prospect imaginable: represent to yourself a road lined on both Sides With Mulberry trees, through the thick foliage of Which, double ranks of Vines with Corn between them, & Mulberry, Walnut, & Almond trees scattered here, & there presenting themselves to the view in the most Luxuriant disorder. — I have seen nothing of Milan yet but two or three churches, & one or two good Paintings contained in them, & the Great Cathedral, an immense building which will in all probability remain unfinished; I mounted up into the Steeple & casting my Eyes, Johnson on every side beheld those fruitful plains of Lombardy, where so much brave blood has been spilt, & Which have been successively the prize of so many different nations, from Brenus & Attila down to François premier, & since: I beheld also those cloud Capt mountains from which your Ancestors have so often descended upon the plain to Strike terror into the hearts of their Enemies. — How I wish that I had a letter for the Conte de Firmian! — the Pere Galaratti, whom you may have heard of, is a most ingenious man; I waited upon him in his cell, & was as kindly received, as if provided With the Best letters of recommendation: He Showed me several paintings of his own hand, which were, to judge by the sensation they Caused in me, most admirably well done: among the rest was a Virgin with an infant Jesus in her arms, this is the Father's favourite, & so much so is it, that he Confessed, that he Could find in any part of the world a beautiful Woman, he could not answer for his Vow of Chastity. — He is an author as well as a Painter, & showed Me a Manuscript, soon to be published, containing a short history of painting, Sculpture, & Architecture, which the Conte de Firmian, whom he dines with very often, has engaged him to compose — He Saw Mon: Sultzer in his passage through this place, he loves that great Man almost to adoration, & proposes to have this manuscript corrected by him. — Though I perfectly understand, with some Attention, all that is said to me in Italian, yet do I find it very difficult to express myself in that language, so that I could not ask the Pere Galaratti all the questions I could have Wished about his Book; but I dont deliberate a moment entertaining a very advantageous opinion of it upon the Credit of the Conte de Firmian. The Conte is very Good friends with the Archduc, & dines With him twice a week.

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I like the Archiduc at the Opera, & though his figure denotes a bon enfant, yet his manner of Staring at every body through his opera Glass has a little the air of a Master. His Power is not very extensive, I believe, though decorated With a very high title, for to give one example, a sentence of death can be passed upon no one without the Queen's having Confirmed the Judgment. —— We called upon the Conte Gorani; the servant Who Went up Stairs to inquire Whether he Was at home was met by the Conte himself Who excused himself from receiving Us in his Chamber, which was according to the Servant's account in the Situation that the Chambers of the Plurality of Authors generally are, but added that he Would wait upon us at our inn tomorrow morning — We shall however save him the trouble, for tomorrow we set off for Plaisance, & so on to Florence. I am not Certain Whether We Shall Pass by Bologna or not, but If we don't, I shall write to the Post Master there next Venice to send My your letters to Rome. — Not to leave You astonished at our having so suddenly Changed the Plan of our route You Must know, that Venice is at this moment empty of every Soul that can afford to live in the Country, the theatres are Shut & the road from there to Ferrara is impassible, besides the detour We have made is by no means considerable, a matter of 4 postes. — You Will be astonished at My not being more Copious upon Milan; I have not been able with any one individual Person capable of giving learning me any Thing but Le Pere G— & my L: de P— In general I have felt the Want of letters of recommendation very much, so desire Mr Clavon to be so good as to give me one for L'Abbé Grant à Rome, & send it there enclosed in one of Yours à la P: R: —— do not fail, as you love Me, for I shall not know What to do Without it. —— I am very glad that You are lost out of Zurich; courage, my good Friend, courage I say, find out the happy medium between those Who meanly creep, or blindly soar, & explore Yourself a road to the Temple of fame. — Je voudrais bien que tu t'ennuyas un peu &c: say You, & Your Wishes are not in vain, For I do sometimes feel myself in a situation which can not be very different from ennui, You may easily imagine

the Cause — Sometimes too in the Midst of objects that have not the least reference with my past life, my mind flies over the Alps in a moment, & I find myself, before I am aware of it, either arm in arm with thee taking a turn in our little Garden, listening to Mon: Bonnet, or sitting upon one end of Madame's Bergere. Judge whether in awaking from such a dream, the tears come into my Eyes or no, & if I feel that soft emotion, which the thought of what he loves best in the World gives rise to in the Breast of every man. — ~~Adieu~~ Adieu, My dear Historian, love Mr & Mad: B, & be happy. ——————— Where do you think that I have these last three or four ~~two~~ lines to you from? — even from the ancient City of Placentia where We wait at this moment for Horses, none being to be found — We travel Poste, for though a voiturine would be Cheaper, yet is that Advantage almost intirely lost by the time ~~for~~ one is obliged to pass upon the road, & the money that is lost at Inns —— All that I have been able to See here, & all that, I believe is to be seen, is ~~an~~ Statue of the famous Alexander Farnese ~~[illegible]~~ & one of His Sons; the Horses are better ~~than any I [illegible]~~ —— the Horses are ready & I must Go — Adieu — my dearest ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ à Rome —

There I hurried to inform you about America ~~[illegible]~~ at Rome —

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I know not, my historian, whether You have recieved a letter I left for You at Piacenza, ~~but~~ & which my hurry obliged me to trust to a venal Domestique de place; If the letter is lost, be Comforted, for You would have learnt ~~Notti~~ nothing in it but our being obliged to Change our intended route; I should however I confess be sorry that you Should not know how much pleasure I have in Writing to You, & how fast a hold Genthod & its dear beloved inhabitants have taken of my heart. No, my much loved friend, no, never will I cease to be the Man, You have known me to be for these two Years past, with respect to my attachment for You; & may my heart cease to beat, ere it Ceases to love Mon: & Med B, as much as I should do. Believe me, I am often With You at Genthod; & Believe me also that You are very happy in being there: I feel the truth of this more than You do perhaps, notwithstanding all the Sensibility I know You blessed With, & I look back towards Geneve very often, as Mary queen of Scots did towards France, & with the same Sentiments of Regret — the Poet Who says of the Po — regno fluvius alter — In mare purpureum violentior effluit undis — speaks truth — I saw nothing in Plaisance worth Speaking to You about ~~one~~ save two Equestrian Statues of Alexander Farnese, & his Son — The Horses are much admired, but I must confess that I find them much too heavy, & even Clumsy — was it not there that the troops of Otho & Vitellius had so fierce an ~~ardour~~ engagement, & that the Amphitheatre, of which the inhabitants so much valued themselves, was burnt down? I was obliged to pass the night of the day I was at Piacenza at St Domingo, a little Town upon the road, for the Princess of Parma, Who had been out upon some jaunt, had stripped all the Posts of Horses. The Next Morning early we arrived at Parma, where We passed the rest of the day. I could have Wished to have known any one ~~to~~ ~~that to answer~~ the few questions I ~~should~~ might have proposed to him, touching the internal Government of the Country, the Finances of the Prince, his resources, & the Number of troops he kept upon foot — But I could not meet With a Soul for that Purpose — determined to See the ~~Duke~~ Prince

if it was not Necessary to take more pains for that Purpose, than he was worth,
when We went to a Country house of his about eight or nine miles from Parma,
where he resides during the Whole Year: Walking along in the Street of the
little Village, that is around His residence, We Mets a procession of People coming
from Church, with a little Man dressed very so so, with a Lady, who to a fine com
=plexion joined a very affable good Natured Countenance, at his Side — We Con+
that they were the Prince & Princess just time enough to Pull off our hats to
them: It gave me the Greatest Pleasure to See these Descendants of the mighty hou
ses of Austria, & of Bourbon, walking along in the Street without any of the Ap:
pendages of Royalty, & surrounded on every Side by the Lowest of their Subjects —
were I the Prince of Parma, I should feel myself more great in Such a Mo=
ment, than Louis 16 himself, surrounded by all his Guards. The Prince, with
all this affability, does not, after the Example of his Neighbours, fail making
his Subjects pay a great deal — A Merchant Who Enters the Country pays, one
Who goes out pays, the same for each town in Particular, & even Strangers, who
lay a Night in his Dominions, pay a Capitation of ~~half~~ one Paul & a half —
There are some things very well worth Seeing at Parma — The first thing I saw
was the reception of two Religieuses, & I do assure you that it was not the least Curious:
They were two Young Women of a noble family, & but not Handsome enough to leave any
regrets behind them, at least in my breast — One inconsistency struck me
very much — at the Side of the Youngest of the two victims was an old wo=
man, probably Her Grand Mother, who had had the Art to render herself still
more frightful than time had made her, by the addition of ~~Paint~~ Rouge, & jewels —
There should be Convents I think, but only for Young Women not fit to live in the
World, & old ones, that are fit to Go out of it — In the Farnesian Gallery is a
Picture of Corregio which for the Colouring exceeds every thing of the kind — among the
Antiquities are several Roman Lamps, & things worn by the Ladies about their necks, as the
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modern ones do Crosses, & which give strange ideas of the decency of the times. — A Nero about the Size of a Child of ten Years old, & in perfect conservation, was to me an object of the Greatest Curiosity, He is Well Made, his hair falls down upon his forehead, & he has something resolute in his air, but a face much too pretty for the Monster he Afterwards became. Close by him stands the figure of a Woman of somewhat more than Common size, one of those Matrons — Quarum subsuta talos tegat instita veste But The Head, & arms are Wanting, but What remains is Sufficient to strike any one with astonishment at the Perfection of Statuary — The Folds of the Robes are So natural, that though the Marble is embrowned by time, & has lost alltogether the Colour of Cloths of any Kind, ~~that~~ one is still Afraid to touch them for fear of dis:composing ~~their natural~~ their easy, flowing air, & the Breasts & Limbs appear as traced to such perfection, as almost persuades one that they are transparent — this Statue is Generally supposed, to be & in my opinion with the Greatest probability is, an Agrippina. All these antiquities were found at Veleia. — The Country from Milan here is Beautiful beyond Expression; the Rice fields indeed are not ~~things~~ a very fine prospect in General, but they were connected with so many ideas in my head as to form an agreeable one for me — As the Leaves are not yet fallen from the trees, I can form to Myself an idea of what this Country must be in Spring & Autumn, it affords even at present a most ~~ravishing sight~~ ravishing coup d'Oeil at every step, & Nature seems to keep a smile upon her Countenance longer here than any where else. The Vines ~~are~~ are supported by Elms, & running in festons from one to the Other, are planted in the Order that Virgil Prescribes — Ut Saepe ingenti bello, cum longa cohortes

Explicuit legio, & campo stetit agmen aperto, &c: —

One would think that Pomona had joined With the Nymphs of the Woods to Make game of Mars, when Savage joy is his to blast their fair possessions. — I am not at astonished that Virgil Should have been produced in this happy soil, Where Corn, Wine & fruit are blended together into a Wilderness of plenty, & where every spot of

ground has been the Scene of great Actions. A piece of Antiquity, that has caused a most violent Commotion to me, is the Æmilian road which began at Piacenza; though the Stones are not visible, the carriages still roll upon them, & my bones have been almost Shook out of my Body — I could wish that these Masters of the World had not always ~~[illegible]~~ acted with an eye to their Subsequent Generations. — We have finished the Considerations — my dear Muller — What have I not lost in thee? I sometimes Imagine Montesquieu wandering in the Elysian fields, I see him enter'd into a Bower, where are several Roman Senators, talking over the brilliant time of their republick, & mourning its present degeneracy, they all smile upon seeing him, shake their heads at oneanother, as Much as to Say what a Clever fellow to discover all our Secrets, & then desire him to take a place among them — Do You go on with Your Considerations, my historian, & You may perhaps be placed about the person of some Ghost of distinction in the other World, perhaps those Generous heroes, who have Shed their blood for the Welfare of their Country, & whose names You are about to hand down to Posterity with Your own, are now occupied in weaving a garland for You, of the never fading flowers, that bloom in the happy Mansions of the departed Souls ——— What would I give for You? — for M is but a sorry fellow to read Montesquieu with; there are besides some traits in his Conduct towards me, that make me repent my ~~[illegible]~~ being embarked ~~[illegible]~~ in the manner I am — Lutis Animus depono — The Moment I am settled any where, I shall write to My dear Mad: B — (make the best phrase of this You can) ——

as to M Boone — never doubt, my dear Tacitus in embrio, of my ~~[illegible]~~ taking every opportunity to increase the Good Opinion, he already entertains of You, & of animating ~~[illegible]~~ him to be serviceable to My friend. — This piece of American ~~[illegible]~~ news causes a most inexpressible Sensation in Me — I am happy at every thing that promises peace, but how are unmoved So many brave Men, my Country men too, led up, like devoted Victims, to Certain death. — ~~Though~~ As I have not the time to read a great deal, more particularly upon the Æmilian way, I occupy myself for the Most part

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by in reflecting upon the rules of Conduct necessary to Conduct one through life with honour, & some reputation; in the course of these reflections You may imagine how often I think of Mr Bon— of Mad—| of Mr Boone | of my Mother | & of You—
Little as our Chaise is I have You all very often about me—

apropos to Chaise we purchased a cheap one at Zurin ———

Dont forget asking Mr Clavon for a letter for l'Abbé Grant at Rome— Je ne puis pas m'en passer—

Modena — I shall speak of tomorrow night at Bologna where we proposed passing the Evening— Adieu — My dearest Father—
I have received Yours containing Clelands— my compliments to Clutt—

Monsieur

Monsieur le Professeur Muller

Genthod près de

Genève

Florence — Nov: 4th

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The last place I left a letter for You, my dear Historian, was at Modena, which [illegible] the residence of a Prince very much by the magnificent entry into it; magnificent I say, for a long row of well built houses presents itself on each side, with an equestrian Statue in the middle. As we passed but one night at Modena, & as I saw no one individual of the Place capable of ~~informing~~ giving me any degree of information, You will easily excuse my not entering into any detail. Before Modena is a large plain, the same perhaps upon which the Army was encamped, which beseiged Decimus Brutus: this idea, with the Number of Letters that we have read together in Ciceros addressed to Brutus whilst at Modena, produced a train of thoughts which dissipated in some measure the Gloom that a Long succession of rainy days had Cast upon my mind. — In crossing the Canaro I entered the territory of Rome, & could not but [illegible] how mortified the ~~Masters~~ former great Masters of the World would be, could [illegible] behold the little spot that remains of that vast Empire which extended itself over [illegible] habitable parts of the three quarters of the Globe — Had not it rained mo[st] unmercifully, I should not have failed visiting the place where Caesar Antony & [Lepi]dus met to settle their proscription; it is a Peninsula formed by the Ghironda [&] Lavino, which, after joining themselves to the Samoggia, flow together into the Rh[eno] Ask me nothing of Bologna, I arrived there late at night, & sat off early the next morning, I hope to visit it in my return through the Marche d'Uncone: w[hen] I entered the Inn there, I found ~~the~~ it filled with People of all ages & sexes, wh[o] as tho' it was the feast of Some saint had not dared put their hands to any kind [of] work during the Whole day, but had been getting ~~[illegible]~~ drunk together li[ke] very good Christians. — Though the Apennines are but the Younger Brothers of the Alps, & have by no means their Stupendous magnificence, yet was it a most refreshing sight to Change from long regular avenues, & festoons leading from tree to tree in perpetual succession to all the pleasing variety of Hill, & dale —

Near Pietra Mala, a village about one or two & twenty Miles from Florence, is a Phænomenon that struck me very much: upon the Slope of a hill is a little circle of Calcined Stones, in the midst of this is a fire, covering about two or three feet in diameter, Which blazes out very fiercely, & has done so longer than the Memory of Man: upon raking the earth with a Stick at a little distance from it, the fire bursts out in an instant; & an Englishman, who Was desirous to have a pit dug at a Yard's distance from it in order to see What Nourished it, had like to have been the death of the men he employed for that purpose: — one thing I am certain of, it is not a fire that bursts out of the Earth, but a vapour that catches fire, whether that vapour is produced by any subterraneous fire, & how it is inflameable, is What I am ignorant of. The Country people attribute this fire to a strata of Stone of a very oily Nature, & have been endeavoured to extinguish it; they once turned a Water Course over it to no purpose, & they have observed that it blazes out With more than common brightness before bad Weather, & during Storms of Thunder & Lightning. — about a Mile from this Phænomenon, & in the same situation, is another, which, though less uncommon, was not the less surprizing for a poor a Natural Philosopher as Me; 'tis a little pool of Water, not so big as the Table upon Which Mr B used to Lean his Elbow Whilst We read to him, Which though Cold is always boiling, & the vapour of Which takes fire at the application of a lighted Match. We filled a bottle With the vapour, & upon taking out the Cork some minutes after, & setting fire to it, it blazed out like a large candle & continued to do so notwithstanding our pouring water into the bottle, till the vapour Was intirely Consumed, or driven out by the bottle's being filled. What Would not the Greeks of the 3 or 4th century have not done with such an eternal fire in their Hands? Knight informs Me that there is such a One in the Country inhabited by the first Guebres & Conjectures very reasonably that it is one of the Causes of their adoring that Element. — The Appennines, though

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beauties of Nature; when climbing a hill other Mornings about Sun rise, the ancie
city of Florence, the cradle of the arts, the birthplace of Machiavel, & the City of Cosme
lifted itself up in the middle of a delightful valley, watered by the Streams of the Arno,
& surrounded on all Sides by Hills, rising up in a gentle Slope, & covered With corn fi
vines & ~~olive~~ Olive trees, & adorned by thousands of Country houses, which bespoke a
once the Greatest Industry, & Opulence. I have been to the Gallery, My dear Mulle
at least 4 or 5 times, but how to express to You the Delightful sensations in Which
my Soul has been deluged?— . The Gallery of Florence ~~of~~ is Composed of two long ro
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gether by a Shorter one — in something like that Shape, with Chambers apart c
taining ~~a great many~~ you the Portraits of the Most Celebrated Painters done by the
selves, a quantity of Idols of all nations, which I have not yet Seen, & the most p
cious among the Statues. — You neither expect, nor ~~[illegible]~~ should I be able to give You a
cription of what I have Seen, & what I have felt. — The Venus of Medicis has
so long regarded as the Master piece of Sculpture, that the admiring it is an
idea, if there is one: upon entering la tribune (so the chamber is called in Which i
kept) I endeavoured however to forget that I had ever heard talk of this celebrated ~~[illegible]~~
statue, & to look upon it With impartial eyes: I defy a Huron taken fresh from his
Cavern not to admire it, as Well as the most refined Connoisseur— Breasts ... were
the first warmth of Love, limbs swelled by the hands of Nature, & a Waist un
fined by any of the modern implements of dress, free even from the pressure of he
favourite girdle; promising fertility — & to Crown all an air of unaffected decency
which sits better upon Her, than the most Splendid Robes could do. There are other Statues par
ticularly that of the Slave kneeling down, & sharpening his Knife upon a Whetstone, which co

-mands the admiration of every one. What pleased me very much was to lay my hand upon the Head of Julius Cæsar, to trace out the heart of Titus in his Physiognomy, & to behold the Stamp of Cruelty & impiety in the ~~Hard~~ Harsh, presumptious look of Caracalla. You can not imagine How useful Spence has been to Me, the Extracts of his Book, which I have always had in my ~~Hand~~ every time I have visited the Gallery, vivifies the Whole Scene, & gives rise to a thousand analogous ideas, which give a Zest to those inspired at the Sight of so many noble monuments of Art. In a Corner of the Gallery stands an Etruscan Haraspex in the act of explaining something to the People; this Statue throws some light upon the History of the Arts in this Country, for the Characters upon the Base prove it to be Etruscan, its being found in the lately discovered ruins of some town destroyed by the Romans in the Beginning of their Republick, shew its antiquity, & the exquisite Workmanship of it prove to What a Point of Perfection the Etruscans even in the Earliest times had pushed the Arts. You will perceive by this Letter that it has been Written at five or Six different reprises, for I have ~~not in bee the~~ been able ... to Write more than six lines at a ~~time~~ time. — You Wont be Astonished at this when You think of the Gallery, its being now Carnival Time, & my having two of the Most amiable countrywomen here, whom I see very often, not to mention the flock of Englishmen, ~~to~~ each of Whom I have been obliged to pay a visit to. There are two Operas every night, & all Who Chuse have the Privilege of Coming masked to the Theatre; a privilege that the Ladies of every rank take advantage of very Much, & none more so than the Grande duchesse, who, as well as the Grand Duke, scarce ever misses a night, & is never better pleased, than when She can escape being known by any one. The Italians must like Musick very much, & You would be Sure of it, were You see them roaring out *Ancora* like so many Bacchanals to Songs that they have heard fifty times over & over, & the Joy that Glistens in the eye, when a favourite Singer Puts his Foot upon the Stage. —
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The Operas are the strangest ~~medleys madly~~ medlies conceivable, sounds that lull the Soul asleep in harmony; words that are the quintessence of nonsense, Pomp that brings the Whole Fairy Tales before one, absurdity, & inconsistency. — I saw the Opera of the fall of Darius the Other day, & could not help thinking What ~~indignity~~ indignation Young Ammon Would be in to See himself represented by a Monster as big a Polyphemus with a little squeaking voice like a Girl of ten Years old; for Such sights as this rouse up every power within us in Defence of injured Human Nature ——

There is one passage in it — Darius's taking leave of his daughter, which was so exquisitely tender that I was considerably affected at it. Those Moments in which the Mind, ~~stolen~~ seduced by the irresistable power of Harmony, & conscious of the innocence of the seduction, slides voluntarily into the Soft illusion, are some of the Most delicious in life. I Was this Morning presented to the Grand Duc & the Duchesse, but as it is now between twelve & one at night I refer You to tomorrow Morning for further particulars — Good Night, my dearest Historian, soft be the Slumbers of the Happy inhabitants of Genthod. —— We were carried, the Ambassadour, Lord Graham, Knight, another Englishman, & myself, into an antichamber half filled With People, Who were all to be dispatched before we could have the honour of ~~even~~ seeing his royal Highness — How I trembled as the number decreased, & our turn approached, for I never saw any thing more like that fable of Esop, where all the Beasts enter one after another into the Lions cave to be there devoured by him. — At length the fatal moment came, & we all entered like a flock of Sheep into a Slaughter house — The Arch Duc soon tranquilised me however, he is very affable, & has the art of Saying nothings for a quarter of an hour together with great ease & politeness. — The Ambassador told him, that I had both lived a long time in Suisse, upon which He asked me how I liked that Country, & sayd a great many things of the Industry, simplicity, & Hospitality of your

Countrymen, which I did not think proper to Contradict:— After being dismissed by the Duc, we returned into the Antichamber, where we Waited till it Pleased her Royal Highness to Admit Us to Her August Presence — She detained us about ten minutes during which time We were informed that She was almost always in Childbirth, that that prevented her from dancing; but that She Would recommence as soon as She Should have left of bearing Children — She Added too that She Was Almost too old for Dancing, but this latter assertion We were all Good Courtiers enough to Contradict in form, though some of us had never been before half an hour's noviciating — In short I was enough of Court to lament more than ever the fate of those who from their are constrained to attend there every day of their lives, & to admire Your happiness & mine who have nothing to do With them:— The Grand Duc is affability itself, & not a Husband Uses his Wife ill, but She goes & complains to them, Duc He has a day fixed for that purpose; hears every thing With the Greatest patience, with some pleasure even, & either Sends away the Parties satisfied, or directs them to What tribunal to have recourse: at the Masked Balls too, where every one enters for about two s. — pieces, he is often discovered dancing with the Meanest of his Subjects: With all this He is an admirable Oeconomist, lives at very little expence, & though he does not impose any new taxes upon his People, yet is He very regular in making them pay those Already Established. — Thus The Only ruins here are those of the antient ancient Florentine Constitution, which are now scarce perceivable to any but Political Antiquarians, who do not abound in this Country;— & the Torch of Liberty Which Your favourite Machiavel so long endeavoured to Keep alive, is now burnt down to the Socket — The Right of treating Political affairs is solely in the Grand Duc & his Council, whilst the CC is reduced into a common tribunal for the administration of Justice

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nistration of Justice, which is assembled six times a year, names the officers of the inferior tribunals, supervises the Publick buildings, hospitals, & the fixes the pri[ces] of Provisions, & ~~[illegible]~~ & Attends to the Pavement of the town. I am sorry that It is in my power to communicate so few interesting things to You, the case is, I must either see Englishmen here, or Nobody, & They are really a better colony than that at Geneva — I saw Charles Edward & his fair Consort the other night at the Opera, he has the broken remains of a ~~fair, beautiful~~ noble figure, & She seems as pretty, & as amiable as She had always been represented to Me: I could not see unmoved the Last descendant of our Saxon, Norman & ~~British~~ Scotch Kings, living at a distance from his Country, & supported by the Charity of the Pope. ——— Magnince who is just returned from the Post, tells Me to my Surprise that there are no letters for me, this I attribute to my having changed my route so suddenly, I shall not however be long without your letters — By the By I am certain of one to the duke of Glocester at Rome, ~~it is to be~~ my American Ladies have had Credit enough to obtain it for me from an English Gentleman here — These Two Ladies are the most amiable Women I know, & the Younger has one of the Sweetest faces & finest Shapes I ever Saw — In Consequence of my presentation I have just received an invitation to dinner next Tuesday from il Grand Priori Corsini — this Will keep me here a day longer than I expected, so that I shall not Set out for Rome till the 12th ——

I was to day in the Palais Pitti With Knight Who discovered to me so many latent Beauties in different pictures that He has ensured me a Head Ache for this Week to Come — I have seen Niobe & her family, but must own that I have no eyes for Grecian beauty — I like a terrestial face that Seems susceptible of ~~the~~ being Moved, & Eyes that wanton in love, rather than Such as beam divinity — Niobe & her daughters appear moved but appear to

have ever been so — The drapery is incontestibly of the finest Execution, & two of the Sons one just expired, & the Other covering his head, & flying the vengeance of Apollo, ~~which~~ are inimitable — Niobe Herself is a ~~Collos~~ Colossean figure & causes even I think a disagreeable effect in the beholder — Hear me not O Shade of Winckelman — I shall seal up this Letter at Present Or it would soon grow too Corpulent — I spend my time in the Galery, at the Opera — with the English, with My two Ladies — in reading Horace & thinking of Genthod —
Nov: 28 —

Monsieur
Monsieur le Professeur Muller
chez Monsieur Bonnet
Genève
Suisse

I am at Rome, my dear historian, but won't proceed to say any thing of the sensations I felt at the Sight of that venerable City, or of ~~any thing~~ what I have seen there, till I have talked to you a little more about Florence: I left this latter place with some regret, for what with the Gallery, my American ladies, knights, & the Opera I spent my time very agreeably. The Great duke is a Man of Sense, & might with justice be called a Good Prince, were it not for the excessive taxes layd upon ~~many~~ every article of Commerce, & upon land, which is the reason that it is worth no one's while to cultivate any, that is not capable of being turned to the best account. Of three Oxen, Sheep &c: that enter the City of Livourne ~~at least~~ the price of at least one goes to the Grand duke; judge of the rest. He has made, & lately, some admirable regulations with respect to Convents; No young woman can take the veil before the age of one & twenty, or with a greater portion (dotte) than 20 ecus: one Convent for disobeying his orders in this respect has been suppressed & its revenues intirely confiscated. Les Filles de Joye are obliged to have their names enregistered in a book, to live in a particular street, out of which they are never permitted to stir, & are visited regularly twice a month by Chirurgeons payed by the Grand Duc for that purpose. I have learnt in passing through la Lombardie that those whom ~~nature~~ providence has placed in the most exuberant soils, are far from being the happier for it, it only serves to make a Prince think his Subjects capable of paying any thing He chooses to levy upon, & to render them incapable of resisting him. At a few Miles from Florence one would think one self at ~~an~~ a hundred at least from any inhabitated Country, a little Cultivated valley however now & then presents itself, & the Country about Sienna is beautiful beyond imagination: You see an extensive City rising up in the Midst of a number

of little Cultivated hills covered with Vines & olive trees. this With the idea of an and ancient republick languishing under despotick power produces a number of agreeable ideas, & melancholy ones at the Same time.— Muse for a Moment, My historian, & endeavour to Conceive how what a number of Delicious ideas rushed upon my Mind, When I at length came in Sight of the Great mistress of the world; it Was about a Sunset, one of the finest evenings I had Ever Seen, the Spot I stood upon could not have been very far from the City of the Ancient Veiens; to the right & left Was an extensive tract of Country where the Eye searched in vain for that in of fertility, so much vaunted by the the ancients, & for Some vestige of those War like nations that had rendered remarkable every spot of it: on one side the Prospect Was boundless, on the other terminated by a range of Mountains at the foot of one of which Was Tivoli, & before me Was Rome, which still seem'd to answer the discription of Tityrus—

Verum hæc tantum alias inter Caput extulit Urbes,
Quantum lenta solent inter Viburna Cupressi.

I entered Rome by the same Gate that the middle Detachment of Vespasian's army under Antonius did, but every idea of ancient story was almost intirely obliterated for the moment at the Sight of Modern Magnificence— You enter into a Spacious square with an Egyptian obelisk in the Middle, two so beautiful Modern Churches present themselves before You with a street long regular street between, & two one such others on each side of them. We live at the house of an old Irish Woman, who is as great an antiquity as any about Rome, at seven I have an Italian Master, till Ten I read Florus, Horace, or that Abregé of history of History I brought with Me, from ten to two We visit the Sacred remains of Ancient Rome, at six I go to the Duke of Glocester's Court, (that is I have done so every afternoon as yet besides this) & a Gentle=

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man in his Suite, to whom I had a letter of recommendation, has already carryed me to three or four different Conversatione, where I have the Privilege of returning for the future whenever I choose. You Expect, no doubt, that I should talk to you of what I see every Morning, but do Consider how difficult it will be for me to pick out those objects that are the Most interesting of the Many that every day pass before my eyes, & to put any kind of order in such a Multitude — The Antiquities I have seen as yet are of two Kinds, such as bespeak the Gran=deur of the Roman Empire, & such as are no wise interesting but by the analogous ideas they give rise to in a Classick mind; I leave you to Class what I am about to say under what Head you think proper. — when one sees a whole mountain al=most of Granite laying upon the Ground, one is inquisitive to know how it came there, we are astonished to hear that it antiently stood upright for the decora=tion of some square (place), but how does our astonishment increase when we are assured for Certain, that the Mass before us was hewn out of the Quarry in Egypt, & brought to Rome by Sea? Such is an immense obelisk which was one of the first things I saw. — The Columns of Trajan & Antonine are both of a con=struction that strikes one with awe, whilst the Bas relief upon the outside of particularly of the first, is an inexhaustible fund of history, & throws great light upon the Costume of the Ancient Romans, who are represented in every sort of dress, & variously employed. La Place Navonne was formerly a naumachi=um, & what is singular, is, that there still prevails a Custom of covering it with water about two feet deep twice a week in the Month of August, to the great amuse=ment of People of all ranks who ride & walk backwards & forwards in it. The Porti=co of the Pantheon is still entire, & the vault has a great effect upon one not accus=tomed to that kind of Building: It was Sunday when I entered, & numbers of People were

upon their knees in every corner, ~~the Smoke of incense Etc~~ Clouds of incense rolled in the air, & the Garment of the Priest Was magnificence itself, all this almost made me believe myself in the temple of the Antient Heathen Gods, had not a few objects of modern superstition soon Convinced me that they had Given way to Others: the places that have been ~~made~~ made in the Walls of the ~~Temples~~ temple for the Modern Altars to the number of Seven or eight spoil the effect of the whole very much — I hastened to the Via Sacra, & Judge whether I was pleased to find myself upon the same road ~~over~~ by Which the wealth of the Whole world was carried up to Grace the Roman Capitole, & over ~~by~~ which so many Kings had follow'd in Chains the triumphal ~~Chariots~~ Car of those haughty Conquerors. What a picture of desolation Was here! before me Was the Mons Capitolinus, Where not the least vestige is to be found of the eternal Citadel, to the left stood one Column, all that remains of the Temple of Jupiter Conservator, three of Jupiter Stator, & seven of the Templum Concordiæ, where Cicero's eloquence so often laboured for the Good of his Country, where he Calmed the Mutinous Populace, & where he plucked up re=bellion by the roots in getting the accomplices of Catilina put to death: I read the discourses of Cato & Cæsar upon my return home with more pleasure than ever for having been upon a spot, from whence I might of heard them had I lived in their time. T'is now I feel the utility of our beloved Philosopher's explication of the production & connection of ideas, otherwise I should be at a loss how to account for the pleasure that a Number of Objects give me: the Tullianum is opposite to the temple of Concord on the other side of the Via Sacra, & is exactly What Salust des=cribes it; the Criminals Were let down into it, after descending a few steps, by a rope through a hole, just big enough to let their bodies pass through, & which remains at

present: heavens! how horrible must the Sensations of Lentulus & Cethegus have been in descending thus into utter darkness. St Peter & St Paul have, as every one will tell You, been confined in this same prison, & they ~~Shew pillar~~ shew a stone where it is sayd ~~where~~ they ~~Converted~~ the Apostles stood, when they Converted their Guards to Christianity, & which may very possibly be the Same against which the Criminals were strangled. — Nothing remains of the Forum but the place, & an old pile of bricks, which may as well have been any thing any thing else: Duilius's Column has been placed in the Capitole. The Velabrum, the busiest part of the antient City, where the temple of Janus stood, & where poor Horace was so afraid of being carryed upon business, is no a frightful Solitude, nothing remains of the temple but one vault, & that is half buried in rubbish. Near there I saw a part of the Cloaca built by Tarquin, I am not all astonished at their lasting so long, all my astonishment is at their having been executed, for each stone is a block of immense weight. I must go the Place, where the Cloaca Maxima empties itself into the Tiber, before I pretend to Speak to You of this ~~la~~ immense Work. — Upon the Via Sacra are the two arches of Titus & Septimius Severe, & at Some distance is that of Constanstine — Upon the first the Triumph of Titus is represented in bas relief, now very much obscured by time, & the injuries of Christian, & Gothick ~~injuries~~ barbarians — The ~~Co~~ ~~[illegible]~~ seven branched Candlestick too, with other ornements of the temple of Jerusalem are carryed in triumph: ~~Upon~~ in inspecting the Arch of Constantine t'is very easy to perceive the decline of the arts by the difference between such pieces of the bas relief as were done at the time, & such as were taken away from other publick buildings to ornament it: the figures of the first are stiff, & awkward, without any expression, whilst the others have ~~all the~~ an ease, & elegance that one would think marble incapable of. What

shall I say to you of Vespasien's Amphitheatre? You know the present situation it is in, wh with all that it has an air of Grandeur which affects one the more one examines it, & which lefts one in astonishment at the temerity of those who could conceive, & the resolution & dexterity of those who could accomplish such an immense fabrick; it contained at a time more than eighty thousand Spectators: upon the via Sacra on the right hand as you go towards the Capitole are the magnificent remains of the temple of Peace that Suetonius mentions Vespasien's having erected, all this proves that if he knew how to heap up Money, at least was he not altogether ignorant how to lay it out. Nothing remains of Nero's Golden house, & the Mons Palatinus is now converted into a large Garden; ~~the Remains~~ of some Chambers however are still discernible under Ground, I went into two or three, & could form to myself by analogy an idea of what the Magnificence of the ancient palatium must have been, from the immense vaults I passed under: for the Cieling in the few places where it has not been destroyed is of white Marble, ornamented with Flowers of Gold — What a Noble Situation this was for the Palace of the Emperors, rising up in the middle of the City & commanding it on every side — On descending a flight of Stairs one goes down into the Baths of Livia which have very little of their ancient magnificence, but their amazing extent. — I have seen but the Outside of the Capitole as yet, & saw with pleasure, as you may imagine, the Equestrian Statue of Marcus Aurelius, which is one really I almost tempted to get of the way from, Two Pedestrian ones of Cesar, & Augustus, & the Columna of Duilius, ~~which~~ which ~~[illegible]~~ is ornamented with anchors, & the beaks of Ships jutting out on each side in this manner — in the little Court where with the Statues of Cesar, & Augustus, are the enormous fragments of the Colossean Statues of Nero, Domitian, & Comodus — a Noble Triumvirate — The Tarpeian Rock is still formidable though the appearence is taken away by the houses built at the foot of it. I walk off of the top of it upon the roof of one of them, the height may be about 60 feet — This Tarpeian rock is nothing else but that part of

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the New Capitolium which looks towards the South, where it & which is steeper than any where else. I have paid one visit to the inside of the Capitole, & think of returning there two or three times, not for any thing that remains of the ancient ~~[illegible]~~ Capitolium but for the Pictures & Statues contained in the modern one:: I am very much pleased with a bust of the Elder Brutus, supposed to have been placed in the Capitole by Marcus Brutus who killed Caesar, & with another of Mithridates;; but the perfection of Sculpture is that head of Medusa of which You saw the copy in [illegible];; I never saw before a set of features, & a face that would have been half so lovely, ~~[illegible]~~ not at all distorted by the least horror that looks in her breast:: the ancients certainly meant a very good lesson of Morality by this head of Medusa, which proves more than any thing how much vice & folly are capable of disfiguring the finest forms.— You have heard of the she wolf on which are suckling Romulus & Remus, & that it is the same that Cicero speaking of in one of his letters, the proof alleged is that it's having been thunderstruck;; the blow is upon the thigh.. It was anciently a custom to carry the heads of all the fish that exceeded a certain length to a particular officer appointed to receive them from the fishermen, the custom still prevails, & the same fish each sold in [illegible] still serves as a measure for that purpose,— the original is in the Capitole. ~~[illegible]~~ I defer speaking to you of the Gladiator [illegible] & other Statues in the Capitole for the present ——— I have sent to all the Posts in Rome to know whether I have any letters from you or [illegible], but to no purpose, I have still one chance, that is the Post of Thursday, where I hope to find a letter or two from you to day.— ~~[illegible]~~ I do assure thee, my Mother, that I think of you very often, & feel more sensibly than you yourself would have [illegible] Rome, as You may imagine is a scene of agreeable ideas for me, but the pleasure resulting from changing of place, going into the World, &c visiting the most interesting spots of the Earth is by no means as great as I expected;; [illegible]

word for it, You are happier at present, than ever You can be elsewhere; & that if it be Your fate to live far from Genthod, as I am afraid it is mine, often & often will You regret a place ~~[illegible]~~ where every hour glides fast away upon the wings of domestick happiness, & where it is one's own fault if one does not grow wiser & better every day — Mr De Cros, the Painter we dined with at Genthod, has just been to pay me a visit, I met him by Chance the Other day copying a piece of bas relief upon the Arch of Constantine: — You can't imagine how happy I was to see him, he also shook me very Cordially by the hand, & we entertained one another most deliciously talking of Genthod, which he never mentions without calling down blessings upon the inhabitants, till the Tears came into our eyes. — I know so little of Italian that I have been able to get very little acquainted as yet, with the manners of the Country I live in, as to the Government laws - finances &c: of modern Rome I promise You ample Satisfaction. ~~I~~ The duke of Gloucester is affability itself I have had at different times a great deal of Conversation with him, & he is really much better instructed than I thought for: the Dutchess ~~is~~ too exceeds my expectation. I sat by her at dinner Yesterday, & found her very Conversable: as to the ~~G~~ Etiquette they keep up, I am rather glad of it, than not, as it is a little school for me, where I accustom myself to Other manners from those I have always been used to, ~~accustomed to~~, & prepare myself for living in a Court if I should be ever Called upon to do So: I meet with People at the duke's, from whom I learn something every day; The Knowledge I pick up in this manner is chiefly practical, as You may imagine, & not the less useful to me on that account. The King of Sweden's Brother who travels incognito comes very often to the duke of Gloucester, & I have once or twice had some conversation with him, he is an agreeable, good natured Young Man. It is passed all doubt he says

that Charles the 12th, whom he likes to talk about, was killed by one of his own attendants at his side; the King had the Enemy's battery in face, & the ball entered at his temple; the effect of it too was by no means proportioned to the distance it must have come from, had it ~~been shot~~ not been shot by one very near him: the Prince goes so far as to say that the Perpetrator owned it upon his death bed to the priest who attended him. — I talked with the Prince too about the late revolution, which he says was favoured by the Greatest part of the Nation, who were tired of hearing the yoke of the Senate, which had concentered all honours & all power in itself — The Senate still subsists, but is now no more than a Common Court of Justice, in which the King has two voices in Criminal Cases, besides the power of ~~confirming~~ pardoning, after sentence is passed. The States can never more be assembled but at the order of the King, who most probably will not disturb their repose. — Adieu, My dear Historian, assure my best of friends of my love & eternal gratitude, assure thyself also that You are & always will be the friend after my own heart. — If any thing particular happens in the republick, let me know it, & give me from time to time of Your History — & whether it took on as it should do — send your letters to Barati, — I believe that is his Name, the Banker — He was Bonstetten's Banker — When You write to Bonstetter let him know that when I shook him

No letters from You — What can this Mean?
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by the hand at Arlee, I shook by the hand whom (a man) I shall all my life love & esteem —
I have been at Rome 5 days —

a Monsieur 16

Monsieur Muller

La Suisse ches Monsieur Bonnet _ Genthod

_ Geneve

Rome Dec 2 – 1776

What possibly can be the reason, my dear Historian, that I never hear from You? & is it all to no purpose that I have Written as regularly as I have done? are You determined to put my patience to the proof? if so, You have undertook a much harder task than You think for. – to at least ten letters I have received not one from You – I shall say nothing to You about Antiquities at present, for I have determined to take a Course of them with Byres who is a very ingenious man, & who has made them his principal study for some time. – my Course is to last ten days only – You Will Wonder perhaps at my ~~My~~ ~~taking~~ having an Antiquary, after the resolution I had taken, but I have learnt the Want of One by Experience, & have felt, that When the Edge of ones Curiosity is a little taken of, We stand very much in need of an Architect, who may judge of the former splendid situations of a building from the present ruinous one, to hinder the finest remains of antiquity from palling upon the Eye. – I have seen a great many fine Pictures & Statues & among the latter the Laocoon, & ~~Antin~~ Meleager in the Vatican, Commonly taken for an Antinous. – Knight & I got upon the base of that Supports the Groupe & I was astonished to behold the Perfection to Which Art has been carried; not a Sinew, that appears in a Violent exertion of the Members, not a Muscle, not a rinkle of the Skin, but What is indicated; join to that a Greatness in the design, & the Expression that reigns throughout, particularly in the face & breast of Laocoon, the Which heaves With the Efforts he makes to Support the Severest torments with=
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uttering one unmanly cry, Whilst his Children call out to him for assistance With despair Marked Upon their Countenances. The Other Statue is quite of a different nature, You see human nature in a Kind of Celestial tranquillity, & force elegance & agility Combined in one Form. I have seen The Apollo & if the bad Copy pleased Me So much, judge What effect the Original Caused upon Me —— I Could run on for ever in this manner, but I long to talk to You of Mr & Mad Bonnet, of Yourself – & of Myself: Tell me how those my dearest, best of friends do, tell how much I Cherish their Memory, & how fondly I treasure it up in the Warmest Corner of my heart: I do assure You, Muller, & that With all the Sincerity of a friend, that I have never known what it is to be happy in Eng Italy, in Comparison of what I was at Genthod, & I had rather be taking a turn With You in our little Garden, (Do You Remember our little Garden?) & talking of Mr & Mr B, that be Walking along the Via Sacra, & talking of Who You please: May Heaven Shower down happiness upon them, long long may they live for the Good of one another & of all those who surround them, & fully may they be persuaded that My heart Shall Cease to beat ere it shall cease to love them — All The fine Lessons of Morality I had treasured up have turned to very little account as yet, I mean, I have had No Occasion at all for them: I have been

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insipid in my life; the few pretty Women, which amount to two
or three at most, & which would scarcely be Reckoned so at Geneva
are always attended each by the same Man: & as for the Others
their Countenances are antidotes against debauchery. The Wives of
the Men of Middle rank are I am told very pretty, but I have
never been able to Judge whether it was so myself or no.
Every Lady in this Country, as You know already, has her Cavali
er Servante, but so far from her laying with him being a ne
cessary Consequence, he is very often the Man She dislikes most
after her own husband.— You never see an unmarried Woman's
face in any Company, & that Poor neglected Part of the Sex is irrevo
cably Constrained to drag on life mewed up in a Chamber, or lost
in a Convent's Solitary gloom. I begin to Get acquainted with
the Political Constitution of Rome, which is the strangest Mixture of
temporal & Ecclesiastical Power that Can be Conceived; 'Tis like a
vast Machine, every Wheel of which is out of order, & the whole frame
falling to pieces: the Pope is of all Monarchs the most Despotical
& of all the least respected, ~~[illegible]~~ for the lower
Part of his Subjects are rendered insolent from the Conviction of being al=

=ready sunk as low as they can be, & from their having nothing to lose, Whilst every Nobles almost Claim a separate jurisdiction, & & the Privilege of protecting any Murderer, or robber that takes shelter under his Roof — You may judge what a State the Police must be in, but you Will judge still better After the following trait — The Cardinal Vicaire answers in Some Measure to the Censor of ancient Rome, He is in Short the Under Bishop of the City, & should keep an eye upon the Conduct of every individual of his flock, reprimanding & punishing them for Such Crimes as as escape the Attention of The Police: for this Purpose he is allowed a band of huissiers, the Captain of which not only receives no pay, but he pays the rest, & pays besides a very Considerable Sum every Year to the Cardinal; it is ~~not~~ easy to Guess how this Money is raised. I have not time to read Over What I have Wrote to You, for the Post is this Moment going out; the reason of my being so late Was the resolution I had taken not to Write to You till I should have received a letter from You — But I Could not resist the temp=tation — Adieu — My dear Cumbrian historian —

Write ~~to Me~~

Saturday —

I have just received Your letter of no date Containing one from my mother, which affected me in the tenderest manner as You may very well suppose; should the War Continue, I can not but return to Carolina, let what will be the Consequences; but a brighter prospect Methinks begins to Open, & the People about the Duke of Glouscester make no Sort of doubt of Washington's being sooner or later obliged to lay down his Arms; some go so far as to Suspect that he may very possibly be Making terms for his army & himself: all this is Mere Conjecture — what is Certain, is, that the new Yorkers must have been very ill Conducted, for Courage they don't want, ~~in order~~ to let the English troops land as quietly as they did, for I have been told by Several officers, that nothing is More rare in Military matters, than for Ships to drive Men out of entrenchments — my brave Countrymen are an Example of this. — The Empress of Russia, who felt the effects of the Partiality of the English Nation, in her favour during the last war, has been very grateful since the breaking out of this American quarrel, & ordered Cloathes in different parts of England for no less than a hundred thousand Men: this has been of great Service to the Woollen Manufacturies; other branches of Commerce too have been opened between the two nations, so that the Loss of the American Commerce has not been as severely felt, as one might have imagined. To return to My Mother — I really have every sort of reason to be satisfied With her, & have ever had, & were She not My Mother, Her present Situation would not fail affecting me; judge then What the ~~p~~ state of my mind must be, & how much I must stand in need of those friends I left behind me at Gentbod: Every pleasure is attended With a Secret reproach; ~~that is~~ & I feel myself a monster, when I reflect upon the disagreeable not to say dangerous:

situation to Which my Mother & Sister stand Exposed, & the trifling pleasur-
able manner in Which ~~[illegible]~~ my days are taken up here.—
If Love & Duty Call me to my Mother, I have full as powerful rea:
sons on the other side to gratify the Wish of my Guardian, Which You
very well know is by no Means that I should Go to America; I am
certain however that He Will not expose my Going if the War con:
tinues, & as for any other Views of my own, the accomplishment of
Which is Connected With my Stay in England, it Will need no great
effort to Sacrifice ~~them~~.—— I am astonished that You should
not have accustomed Yourself to the torrent of ~~Theology~~ theological &
~~[illegible]~~ interested ideas that pours down upon You from Schaffouse;
Were Your father Briarius himself, With his hundred hands, & a fire=
=brand in each hand, he Could not frighten You more than he does;
take my Word for it, that Violence of his is the happiest cir=
cumstance imaginable for You, for had he half the softness, ~~the~~
frankness of my Mother, & any thing of her friendly Considerate
manner, nothing Could Excuse Your not Going back.— When
he asks about What I gave You, tell him the plain truth; do me
the Justice to Say that You are Convinced that You Possess Your
share of all I have, but that Such are the present unhappy Circum
stances in Which ~~my~~ american affairs are involved, that my Estate does not
put me above the assistance of my friends.— If Your father will
not hear reason, pity him, but never let Yourself be Shaken out of what
reason & Common Sense dictate, if he accuses you of disobedience, lament the Occasion

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that renders disobedience absolutely necessary — wrap Yourself up in Your virtue, & as to What others May say — mordear opprobriis falsis, mutareque colorem? Youthood is, for you, a little enchanted island ~~for you~~ in the middle of a tempestuous ocean, & Mon & Mad: B the two Genii that inhabit it.— I can not express to You how much, how sincerely I pity Bonstetten, & how from my heart I execrate that pest of Society, that was the Occasion of his Misfortune: but why have not You informed Me how the affair has ended? I shall be in pain till You have.— You love B perhaps more than I do, & may find have a greater fellowfeeling with him in Many things than Me, but You can not be more sorry at his Wife's miscarriage ~~than I am~~, for I have been eye witness to the happiness they enjoyed together, & can feel what a thunderbolt this must have been to them: strange inefficacy of human laws! the wretch who steals to save himself from Starving, is hanged, Whilst a destroyer of all domestick felicity, a violator of the laws of hospitality, can walk the World in Safety! —— Tell B how much I condole with him.———

Courage, my Historian, labour up the steep hill of immortality, & You will soon obtain a niche in the temple of fame — I am glad to See that Your History ~~[illegible]~~ is in a new train, & thank You for Sending Me now & then a sentence, which Serves in Some Measure to Stay my Stomach — as to that in Your last;

dicit, descendas adhuc, quae conset Amiculus, ubi si — licuisti monstrare velit, tamen ac- piece

— Quand les Rois auront achevé la destruction de la liberté &c: Quand les usurpations &c quand nos descendans &c: quand ils s'entregorgeront eux memes &c: —
Is not this a little too positive, & would it not be modester to say — Si les Rois &c: —

for though it is possible that the Kingly power may one day on another the flame of liberty, yet is it by no means probable enough for You to investigate it as a thing that must infallibly take place —— Epaminondas & Ciceron are too far removed from one another in every respect to permit Your putting them together, & Scipio & Laelius coming immediately after renders this the more Glaring —— I did not stay long enough at Milan to see either the C—S— B— or the G—T—, & as for the Celebrated Corilla, I was by no means strong enough in Italian, to make my going to see her Florence anyways agreeable. Who in Gods name do You Mean by Mad: Pirrella? — I have dined once at the Cardinal of Bernis's, & am a little acquainted With his Niece, who is a very agreeable Woman —— The Conversazioni are the Most insipid things imaginable, & I study Lessons of morality in the Womens faces; some of whom are horribly ugly, others as horribly painted, & others again that look intirely exhausted. I have been twice out With Byres & will endeavour to Give You the Substance of What I have Seen in this, & Other Letters. — I have received Your letter containing Cleland's — but not the Venise one, I shall have it however very soon: — tell me how Many letters You have received from me, acknowlege each for the future, & date all Yours: as our Correspondence is not likely to finish very soon, We Should render it as ~~stable~~ regular as possible, it Will be the more Stable for it: write to Knight

I am now Going to a Concert at the duke of Gloucester's, & remain —

I have not been able to take up the pen since saturday, so intirely have my mornings & evenings been occupied — Now You do Your duty, my historian, & encourage me to write to You, for I received a letter from You this Morning, which, with a great deal of merit, had no other fault than that of having been put into the French instead of the Italian post, & of costing in Consequence five times more than it had any business to do, besides having been considerably retarded. —

Il y avoit quelque nuance de Moi dans ma derniere, ne dites-vous, Je l'avoue &c: — You do right in giving way to the genuine sentiments of Your heart, when You write to me, but I would not wish You nevertheless to gallop as You do a bride abattue, for if You get a custom of doing so, I shall be apt sometimes to be distressed when You mean nothing, & cold when You are in earnest. Thank Mad: Clason a hundred & a hundred times for the letter She has been so good as to Send me, which comes a little too late by the by, nor am I certain that I shall make use of it; of this You need say nothing. My reason for saying that I am not certain that I shall make use of it, is that I already gow a great deal more into Company, than I chuse; for one would think that the Italians felt how ~~ever~~ insipid their Conversazioni are, by the little pains a Stranger is at to get admittance into them. I have twice dined with the French Auditeur della Rota, where I have met each time with some agreeable instructive People; I found myself at table to day, for (his)

I am just returned home from this House, between two Men, one of whom had lived five Years at Tunis, & the other who ~~the day~~ two ~~before~~ ~~return~~ ~~arrived~~ is on his return to France, after having travelled over a part of Asia Minor, visited the Greek islands, & passed some time at Constantinople. It is melancholy to Conceive how low the descendants of Epaminondas, Pericles, & Aristides are reduced, & still more melancholy to find that they really in great measure deserve it: a Greek is in General the Same Kind of Man that he Was in Cicero's time, & as much despised by a Turk as a Jew is, ~~amongst~~ with what Justice I wont pretend to Say, amongst us: The Pyreus is leveled With the ground, & forms the high road to Athens, where there are still several fine remains of antiquity. As to Sparta, tis impossible to Go there Without running the risk of being assassinated upon the road, for liberty, Which long ago abandoned this Country, seems to have carried away with her in her flight every Virtue, that formerly distinguished its inhabitants. Ten Thousand Albanois, that the Grand Seigneur has not yet been able, or willing to pay their arrears to since the last War, are now living at discretion, & infesting the Greatest part of Greece. How I should like sometimes to be able to talk to You of the People I meet with in the World, for my ideas are grown cold in my head by the time I can set down to write to You, & My Companion is good at nothing but drawing comparisons between what he Sees, & Geneva; as he is frank enough to Confess that antiquities ennuient him, I make my rounds With Knights, & he, Byers

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& ~~we~~ I find ourselves very well together. I must, I find, dedicate one whole letter to Antiquities, for I put off talking of them from Page, to Page till I have no more room left— I am now go=ing to Stand upon my legs, & say nothing for three quarters of an hour at the Duke of Gloucester's, After that I shall go to the Princess of Santa Croce's, who having been some Years ago a pretty Woman & being still desirous of appearing so, ~~plasters~~ plasters herself in such a manner, that when I talk to her, I can not help comparing my self to Pyramus, talking with ~~Thy~~ Thysbe through a Wall

~~Which~~ what can make you think that the Constitution of Carolina w[illegible] not Interest me? send me it by all means, & direct your letters to Rome, till I give you notice to send them elsewhere. My Stay here will not be much more than a Month in all & as that time is very near elapsed already it would be ridiculous to present Madame Claron's letter, if I do not I shall send it back sealed ~~[illegible]~~ as it is With the handsomest letter I can fabricate. Tell Lord Clive that if I delay writing to him a little, it is only to write him a more Copious letter, Which I certainly will do before I leave Rome— Should any of your letters come here [illegible] I am at Naples, they will be sent to Me, I shall stay there [illegible] little time, for my Mother's letter will make me exert all my activity— Continue to let me know what goes on in the Republick— as to English News— I am as it were at the fountain here.— My Love to our two best of friends, I wish Madame B in this Climate With all my heart— Though Cold in the Morning tis

sometimes too hot at noon— I send you this Louis to pay the portage of my Mother & other Letters, for I owe you too much already not to be cautious of running any more in your debt— Yours for ever— Greet Plutz from me – & presentez mes respects à Mad:le [illegible] mes compliments to the Saladin family— K

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This is the last letter, my dearest Historian, that I shall write to You from here for some time, for three weeks at least — I have received 2 letters from my Guardian since my departure from Geneva; in the first he informs me that he had, to put me in fortunes way, purchased a lottery ticket No 54-048 between Himself, Cleland, & Me. In the next he gives me some account of the taking of New York, which was effectuated without any loss, the Americans abandoning their retrenchments for four miles together, & then continues thus "General Howe was when we last heard employed in raising several redoubts cross the island of new York, with a ~~need~~ of leaving there a small force; but to remove where, he is too able to let any body know; he has already taken possession by a detachment of a very strong post, & redoubt in New Jersey without opposition" You will no doubt by this time have heard of Carleton's success in Canada, He is still a great way from new York, but does not on that account deserve the less praise for the difficulties he must have overcome; Who would have thought ten Years ago of a Naval battle in the Wilds of Canada? Franklin & Adams have been with the Howes, tis certain, But whether their view is not only to spin out the time, & prevent them from acting till the Winter comes on; is I think not difficult to be decided: Whilst the English trust to their Arms, they will always have the Superiority, but as soon as they Come to treat, take my word for it My Countrymen Will Outwit them: I have finished my round of antiquities With Byres & never passed twelve Mornings successively more agreeably

The house of the Present Senator is built upon the Ruins of the antient Capitol, of which a few Columns & vaults are to be seen on entering his Stable: they appear by their frugality & simplicity with which they are built to be a part of the Capitol, that by some means or another was not destroyed by the frequent fires, to be of the time of the Republick. I have already spoke to you of the temple of ~~peace~~ concord, what remains of it is evidently of the latter ages of the Empire. The Palace of the Cæsars, is now converted into a large Garden, but the vaults underneath remain, as does part of the terrace 40 feet high which Nero built round the hill, in order inlarge the Surface of it for the reception of part of his Golden house; a few broken pieces of richly ornamented frise, & some mutilated Capitals of Columns, are all that remains to us of this Magnificent edifice. Of the Circus maximus there is nothing but the vaults which Supported the Seats on one Side. between the Palatine Viminale & Cœlian hill stands the Remains of Vespasian's Amphitheatre, in a Spot ~~which~~ had been a Pond in Nero's Garden. This by all accounts was in Vespasian's time the Most magnificent place about Rome— The Palatine to the left covered with the the Sumptuous Palace of the Emperour, to the right the Amphitheatre a hundred and sixty feet high, & before it the Colossean Statue of Nero, afterwards dedicated to Apollo, ~~whose~~ the head of which appeared above the Amphitheatre surrounded by a Glory of fifty feet in circumference— the foot & part of an arm with two or three other undistinguishable pieces is all ~~that testifies to~~ we have to prove the

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veracity of Suetonius who Mentions this Statue. Byres calculates that the amphitheatre Contained very easily 100,000 souls, 385000 found place in the Circus Maximus; what a people Must this have been who had a place of diversion Within their Walls, Which contained as many Spectators, & more, than all the Continent of North America does inhabit at present. Rome was never more peopled than London is, but the dreary desert Which now ~~offers~~ presents itself on every side Was then covered With Towns, & Villas. — Near the Pyramid of Cestus is a hill about 90 feet high & three quarters of a mile round which is literally formed of nothing else but pieces of broken Pots; I would not believe, till I was upon it, that Such a thing Was Possible, but it Certainly is — You may form to Yourself An idea of what ancient Rome was in one respect, there is not a Modern church that has not some ancient Columns to it; Great part of them are incrusted with ancient Marble, & the Sculptors have Worked in Nothing else for these Centuries back. The Most Stupendous Ruins about Rome are those of the Thermæ; the Thermæ, you know, were the Greek baths & Gymnasiums united, being academies, as it Were, for all the Exercises of the Body, & mind: Caracalla built the most extensive thermæ of any one, their greatest length was 1410 feet, their breadth 1130, the ruins of this immense building look like those of a Spacious City, & the Great Chamber, the places for Swimming ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ & that for other bodily Exercises are Still discernible. Rub... that part of one my letters Where I speak to You of the Pantheon, I saw

it for the first time with a blockhead of A valet de Place who misled my judgment by the pack of Stories he recounted— You Mount up two steps into the Portico of ~~the Pantheon~~ which is just as Mar: Agrippa built it, & which prepares You admirably Well ~~for~~ by its magnificence & Simplicity for the inside of the Temple— One would think that the Barbarous nations that have so often Sacked Rome, & the still more Barbarous Christians, Who have been the destroyers of numbers of fine Statues, had been struck With respect on entering this building, for every thing, except two or three trifling alterations, is just as it Was in the time of Augustus— The Columns, two of which stand in each niche, of which there are seven, look as if polished Yesterday & even the little Altars in the intercolumnations are the Same, & have prayers sayd upon them every day in the Same Language as formerly, though to Other Gods. The ~~light~~ ~~[illegible]~~ hole at the top sheds an agreeable light over the whole, ~~[illegible]~~ which refreshes the eye considerably. The Outside of the dome of the Pantheon was formerly covered With Bronze, this has been stript off & melted down into four Columns to Support the Chief Altar of St Peters— You will not be sorry to know that this Sacrilege has been punished as it deserved to be, for this Altar, placed under the Center of the dome of St Peters, entirely spoils the effect of it. This St Peters, with many faults in the Architecture of it, is Certainly a most stupendous monument of the boldness & industry of Man. Every thing in the inside, even the smallest ornaments, ~~has~~ bear such proportion to the Whole, that one must reflect a little to be Convin:ced

of the immensity of the whole of it: but when we are told that the
Statues on every side are Colossean, & that the diameter of the dome
that seems hovering in the air over our heads, is no less than 147
feet, the Mind is seized with awe & astonishment & tacitly confesses
that this is a fit temple for the residence of the omne superciliomo-
ventis. I was presented to the Pope yesterday, he is a healthy well look-
ing man & may very well reign twenty years longer — Upon com-
ing down I found Magninac as pale as death, & hardly able to
speak, the thing was that the Pope in going out through the outi-
chamber, where the servants were, after we had been presented to
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seeing Magninac near him he did him the honour of presenting him
his foot also, asking him at the same time in Italian what Country
man he was; the poor fellow hearing a set of sounds that he could
make nothing of, & seeing the Pope lift up his foot, thought he was
going to kick him, & was ready to ~~dye~~ die for fear — he howev-
er at last comprehended what it was, & kissed the foot with so
much confusion in his Countenance, as made the Pontiff laugh very
heartily. I do not doubt but this will be recorded to after ages
in the annals of the Magninac family. I don't talk to you of
the People of Statues that one sees at Rome, suffice it to tell that they
have afforded me many an hours amusement, & that I am now as
well acquainted with the faces of the Roman Emperors, as if I had
lived with them. — The Column of Duilius I mentioned to you is not

this, but one executed perhaps after the Dove by Michel Ange in imi-
tation of an ancient one found in his time, & which no body knows
any thing about. The Government of Rome is like the leaning tower
at Pisa, it supports itself, & will probably Continue to do so for some
time without any body's knowing how. The Pope is the Most abso-
lute Monarch that reigns, for religion which is Some Check upon the
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The Cardinals, whatever they may in fact do, have by right not the least
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the Jesuists before the Bull was published — The Common people too
have nothing that looks like the Shadow of a privilege, with all
this there is not a Country where the laws are so ill executed, &
where the Sudden violent temper of the people renders them more for-
midable to their Masters. The Great Men give no sort of Education
to their Children but such as is sufficient for them to move in the
same narrow Circle that they themselves have; the Young ladies are doom-
ed to pass their lives either locked up in the house, or in a Convent, & never
to appear in Company till a Month before their Marriage — if they
can not find a proper match, they might as well endeavour to fly
to the moon, as to think of living in the World. The Populace of Rome
is no Worse than that of all other Countries, they never rob, that is
very seldom; but Wo be to him who insults the meanest fellow
who Walks the Streets, or outrivals him in love. Assassination is a
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These articles with a great detail were copied from the treasury book for me by a French Abbé who is a Man of Esprit, though he does write his own language in great perfection → I this moment receive another letter from my Guardian — No News — but an interesting one — A demain

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a Nobleman or Ambassadour. 'Tis inconceivable how much Gangane
Who endeavoured to reduce things into Some kind of order, is disliked: he
endeavoured also to Establish a linen Manufactory, but nothing wi
ever succeed in this Country whilst the Government Continues the sa
All the departments were immediately given by the Cardinals to their
Creatures, who sure of protection work no more than they think fi
This Manufactory costs an hundred thousand Crowns a Year to the Gover-
ment. — As to the Pope's Revenues, I have been able to have
every article copied from the treasury books. (see the inclosed papers)
I go away tomorrow & You wont be astonished at my sacrificing the
puppet Show of the Pope's blessing the People, when I tell You that
there has been very lately an eruption at mount Vesuvius and
that the Lava may in all Probability still continue running —
This Country has all the marks of being created by fire — I went
the other day to see the Magnificent Mausoleum of Metella Cecilia, the
wife of Crassus, which stands upon the old via Appia, in walking
along the road Byres ~~said~~ made me observe that the road was cut
through two beds of Lava & what is Singular, the effect of the heat is still
discernible upon the earth which touches either bed, for it is calcined, &
grows vegetable, but by degrees. — I leave Tusculum & Tivoli for my return.
Adieu, my dear Historian, Knight desires to be remembered to You, & the
More so as You seem to have forgot — Remember Me in the tenderest
Manner to Mr & Mrs B & tell them from how sincere a heart I pour
out Wishes for their health, & happiness. —

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Monsieur Muller 16

chez Monsieur Bonnet de Genthod

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La Suisse

— Naples — Jan 7 — 1777 —

I received a letter from thee to day, my Historian, containing one from Mr Clason to L'Abbé Grant; what it has been doing upon the road so long is to Me inconceivable: I hope you receive my letters more regularly than I do Yours, for Martin whom I left at Rome & who had a letter of Yours for me has been blockhead enough to mislay it. We no longer travel together, & I proposed to him to Separate hundreds of times before I could Shake him off: I never in my life knew a less amiable man, & never had so much reason to repent of any thing as of having embarked with him: if any body seems surprised at my conduct, ~~desire them~~ for my justification to take a journey of ten miles with Martin. ~~Your~~ letter for l'Abbé Grant, or rather Mr Clason's, arrived as you perceive by the date of this much too late; I am not on that account the less obliged to him; the Abbé is as good a Soul as ever breathed, & offered me every service in his power, but I had no occasion for his good offices as a Gentleman in the Duke's Suite carryed me every where, & the duke himself did me the Honour of presenting me to Several people. As for Madame de la Petra — in the first place, She could be of no sort of Service to Me at Rome, nor did the Short Stay I proposed making have render it worth my while to beg a letter of her; — Secondly She is Ugly & thirdly She is far from being rich, & of consequence upon no very great footing: This last disqualification weighed the least of all with me; but I must have been her Cavalier Servante, for She has Money & that is a place I would not hold under the prettyest Woman in Italy. Take my word for it, My friend, the Greatest part of Every thing You ~~ever~~ (heard) concerning Italy is exaggeration: the Women

are by no manner of means fit to be Compared with those of Geneva in point of beauty; nor, as they receive no education, is it probable they should be in point of Esprit: They are never seen but in Company except by their Cavalier Servante, or their Husband, & are either as chaste as Women of other Countries are, or too Notoriously otherwise in order to permit their being objects of desire. Every thing is different from what I expected — the Antiquities exceed every thing I flattered myself with, & I may say as much for the Statues & pictures; but the Music is by no means so good as in England, & France, where all the best performers go; The Operas are without Exception the Most miserable pieces of nonsense, that ever the art of printing was prostituted to, or dishonoured by; the few Comedies I have seen are little better than farces, & I was mortified to see a people, I was so much prejudiced in favour of, bursting out every moment into loud fits of laughter at what would have raised the indignation of any other Audience.

——— nam qui dabat olim
Imperium, fasces, legiones, omnia, nunc se
Continet, atque duas tantum res anxius optat
Panem, & Circenses ——— how applicable are these lines of Juvenal: don't be surprised at my quoting him, Knight has introduced me to the Old Cut some time since hence, & he has been my breviary ever since — Horace smiles in your face whilst he probes your wounds; Juvenal [illegible] sources of every frailty of human Nature, & makes us glow with honest indignation; You see him bearing down all before him with [illegible] & accompanying each stroke with the keenest raillery, they both [illegible] [illegible] the hundred [illegible]

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the liberty of Rome perished with
[illegible] Annis — to Capua — The C
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private life are any Where to be Met With — Juv: Hor: & Vir: with the History of the States I have passed through have employed all the hours that I have been able to give to reading. I must now say something to thee of my Journey here, & of the manner in Which I have passed my time. The Whole Country about Rome is Covered With the Remains of Country houses, Tombs, & Aqueducts, which instill an agreeable sort of melancholy into the Mind, & are of a piece with What one has seen within the Walls: Tibur, & Tusculum present themselves at a distance & whilst the imagination is calling back the days of Cicero, & Horace, one finds oneself at Velletri which Was the last place added by Camillus to the Roman State, & which is rendered Still more interesting by having been the birthplace of Augustus. Horace's road, you know, lay along the ancient Via Appia & over the Pontine Marshes, the present one is very different; I fell in with him With the Path at Terracina, which is situated at the bottom of the Rock that Anxur stood upon — & We Continued very amicably together on through Fundi, Formiæ, so famous for the Goodness of the Wine that grew upon the neighbouring hills, & so interesting by being the place near Which the Liberty of Rome perished With her great defender, & over the Liris — taciturnus Amnis — to Capua — The City that bears this name is situated at about a league's distance from the ruins of ancient Capua, & in a delightful plain Covered With cultivation vegetation & looking like the finest parts of Lombardie. It is astonishing how much Better the King's territories are Cultivated than the Popes, nor can I see any other reason for it than the freedom in the first, & the products in the second. I felt my heart with pleasure at the sight of the Ocean, & my poor Mother rushed upon my mind: if

War Continues, or even if it Should end, & my Mother not retract her
desire, nothing, by all that's Sacred shall prevent My returning to Ameri=
ca: My Guardian Angels at Gertrod Will approve me, W B will permit
me, & my Conscience Will make me amends for any thing I may
sacrifice in So doing. The Night after my arrival I went to See the
Lava: after Climbing about an hour & a half in the Course of Which I cros=
sed Several beds of Ancient Lava, I arrived at Where the Most ter=
ribly Magnificent Sight I ever beheld offered itself to my Curiosity.
Imagine to yourself millions upon millions of huge Masses of red hot
for there is no apparent fluid
iron, rushing ~~[illegible]~~ out of the Side of a Mountain, & rolling
tumultuously along With amazing Velocity, & the Most horrible noise.
It Was so dark at Night – the Atmosphere Was all One flame of
fire, & formed the finest contrast With the utter darkness that
met the eye on every side at a distance — I went the eighth day after to
the place Whe the Lava reached; it had divided itself into 4 or 5 dif=
ferent streams each of Which Carryed destruction into the vineyards.
I approached as Near As I could to One of the Streams, it Was a=
bout ten Yards Wide, & 4 or 5 thick only; it moved on so slowly that I
should not have perceived its progress Had Not every inch been mar=
ked by the destruction of Something: It Was a most melancholy sight to
See the fig trees, & Vines devoured, as it Were, by this irresistible torrent
of fire, whilst the Poor people gathered round Were bemoaning their loss,
& putting up useless prayers to Heaven, & St Januarius. — It is Now midnight —
Soft be the Slumbers of My litorian to night. — Tomorrow Morning I shall begin again

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I have not been able to write to You all today, & it is now nine at night; I will not however fail finishing my letter at this sitting as it is post day tomorrow — I shall not talk to You of the Monte Nuovo, or of the Grotto del Cane which You are Much better acquainted with than I am, but will give You some account of a day I passed in the Bay of Baia. Early in the Morning I arrived at Pozzuol, & took boat near the Remains of Caligula's bridge, or what ever You Chose to Call it; passing by the Mountain where the famous Falernian Wine grew, & over the ruins of the Port of Julius Cæsar, I landed at the foot of the Monte Nuovo, & looking down on one side from the Top of it, saw into the immense Crater which gave me an idea of what of Mount Vesuvius must be, Whilst the Lucrine & Avernian Lakes presented themselves on the Other: the former is reduced to three quarters of a Mile from three miles in Circumference, & the Second by the steepness of its banks, which are covered with a thick wood, & the ruins of a Temple at one end of it is one of the most pittoresque views I ever saw: opposite to the Spot where the Temple Stands is the Sibyls Cave — Scrupea, tuta lacu nigro, nemorumque tenebris. —
I entered it Stooping, & soon found myself in in a long vaulted passage which looks as if it had been Cut for a road, & would have been but an uncomfortable habitation for any one — There is an alley goes of to the right which leads into one, or two little rooms, with bathing places cut out of the Native rock — This is Called (I don't know why) the Sybils Cave, which it certainly is not, for that was
Excisum Euboicæ latus ingens rupis in Antrum, & this is the road by which The Trojan Hero & his Guide descended into the infernal Regions: When one revolves in ones mind the various revolutions that have taken place in this neighbourhood; now ~~visited~~ visited by some forlorn traveller, a Hercules, a Ulysses, an Æneas; & presenting them with the wildest picture of uncultivated Nature; one while the Whole Coast Covered with the Receptacles of every thing that Could flatter the

Sensuality of a Luxurious people, & then again the Seat of Solitude & Desolation, one can not fail moralising, & feeling the versatility of Human affairs. the Side of the Bay of Baies opposite to Pouzol is by much the steepest, & is but one Continued Ruin, for the Waves discover every time they recede ~~[illegible]~~ some remains of habitations, the Paint is in some Places still fresh upon the Walls, & the Cliffs that hang over ones head are so diversified by the ~~[illegible]~~ misshapen ~~[illegible]~~ heaps which the inhabitants of the Country have dignified With the name of Such & Such a great Mans Villa, as to look like one Continued Artificial bound — The Town of Baies must formerly have presented the Magnificent Sight as Genoa does at Present, I do not believe it Was so rich a place, but the Situation of both seems, by What I have heard of the former, to be very Much Alike; a few temples are still Standing, & the Paints remaining of that of Venus, prove by the Pictures upon the Walls ~~of it~~ that the Manners of the Ancient inhabitants Were not of the Chastest. — To Go into these Temples You are Obliged to Mount upon a mans back for they are filled & surrounded With stagnant Water, which poisons the Air in Summer, & renders the ~~place~~ uninhabitable — A few huts, which still bear the Name of Bauli, mark the Place Where the Unrelenting Monster of a Son could let his Mother Go from his arms to What he thought inevitable destruction: I went a Shore, & calling for a bottle of Falernian Wine, placed Tacitus upon the Table before me, & poured out a libation to the Memory of Aggrapina. — The Place where Æneas payed the last rights to his old Companion & qui nunc Misenus ab illo — Dicitur, attracted my attention, as did its haven where the Roman fleet Commonly lay.

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You enter Pompei by the Ancien[...]
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proceeding a hundred Yards, [...]
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full length; You arrive at [...]
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& You form to Yourself a[...]
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cades allround supported by[...]
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I have been to Pompei, & do Confess that notwithstanding all my partiality for Rome, I hardly saw any thing there Which struck me so much. You enter into a Roman house, see the disposition of their Chambers, their conveniences for bathing, admire the Taste in Which the Walls were painted, the profusion of Marble that reigns throughout, & then descend into the Cellar, where You meet with the Skeletons of the Unhappy family that had taken refuge there: The Rooms are in general very small, the Pavement is always marble, & most commonly mosaick: before the house I speak of was a little Garden which was surrounded With a Covered Gallery to Walk under, & behind it are several Outhouses, ~~their~~ an Oven, the family tomb with the place for Burning the body & the Niches to hold the ashes.

You enter Pompei by the Ancient Gate, see the marks of the Carriage wheels upon the pavement, & the houses to the right & left — after proceeding a hundred Yards, You are mortified to find the Exploitation continued no farther, & are obliged to Cross over the Ancient City in its full length; You arrive at last at the Other Side Where the Camp was, where some ~~ruins~~ parts of a theatre ~~are~~ is still discernible above ground, & You form to yourself an idea of the effeminacy of the times at Seeing a Covered Way Practised from one to the Other — the Camp was a quadrangular building, something like a Cloister, with arcades allround supported by Columns, upon which Some of the Soldiers have transmitted their names down to Posterity, & given us a Specimen of their drawing: these little figures of horses & Gladiators, however badly done, had I confess something far more interesting in them for me,

than the best pictures I ever saw. There is a little ~~of~~ temple of Isis at Pompei which has the ground floor entire, you see ~~[illegible]~~ place where the Idol was seated, opposite to which was, I am told, the figure of Harpocrates, you lay your hand upon the same Altar the Priest sacrificed upon, & you are pleased to think that the same objects that surround you at present, excited so many hundred years ago, & that you ~~[illegible]~~ literally tread upon the footsteps of the Masters of the World. Herculaneum contains nothing, ~~but~~ for a Stranger, but a Roman theatre which he may form to himself a tolerable idea of by the paths around, & across it, that have been cut through the Lava. You distinguish the Orchestra very well, & the Stairs by which one ~~[illegible]~~ mounted upon the Stage, ~~[illegible]~~ two or three rows of Seats, & the places were the Consuls or Chief Magistrates were seated. I wont speak to you of Portici (the Museum there I mean) suffice it to say that it is worth while coming into Italy on purpose to ~~see~~ pay two or three visits there — judge how pleased I was when my eyes opened upon a vast Collection filled with every thing that the Romans made use of in common life, & among other Curiosities with instruments of ~~[illegible]~~ musick, chirurgy & Agriculture, with every thing necessary for sacrificing. There are even the smallest ornaments of the Ladies, & the toys of the Children among which are a little Altar & several other things necessary to fulfill the Ceremonies of their religion of a proportionable size, which proves how early the Romans began, & how well they proceeded in instilling the Sentiments of Religion into the Minds of their children —

Adieu — You may perceive what a hurry this letter is written in —

4 & Mrs Brouch[illegible]
3 we love. Wish to all
2 can be said to [illegible]
1 Say every thing th[illegible]

Rome: Monday – Jan 20th 1777. 71/72

Once more, & for the last time in my life, my dear Cambrian Historian, do
I write to You from within the Walls of Imperial Rome; where I arrived this day
week, & which I shall leave next Wednesday. I have found that letter of
Yours that Martin had forgot, as I told You in my last. You can not
imagine how glad I am ~~that~~ not to be obliged to set about describing
something to You, as I have been hitherto in almost every letter, but to
be able to let my thoughts flow as they choose, & say what comes up-
permost. Du Cros called upon me to day with a letter from his friend, which
wrote in characters well known to me; He has an excellent heart, & talks of
~~[illegible]~~ Jenkins, as a departed soul would, that had just got a glimpse of the Elysian
fields from the other side of Styx; I have presented him to Knight (whom
by the by You do very wrong in not writing to) & to Mr Gore who is very
fond of drawing, & ~~to-day~~ tomorrow I shall carry him to Mr Byers
who is a man of taste, & may have it in his power to be of great ser-
vice to him here. You will have seen by this time, that I did make
a course of Antiquities with Byers, & glad am I, that I did so; Rome, after
the ~~b~~ edge of a new comers curiosity is taken off, would be nothing
without him. You remember what I told You of his Father, that Moore
gave me so agreeable an account of; he is a fine, spirited, gray-headed
zealous old man, was engaged in the last rebellion, & is even now all on
fire, when he hears the least mention of it, though he has had good five
& twenty Years to cool in: I have had a great deal of Conversation
with him about the origin, progress, & end of that strange affair,
he has it by heart as perfectly as if it had happened Yesterday, & knows
very well the hinges upon which things turned. The Pretenders inten-
tion was to surprise the Duke the night before the battle of Culloden, but
his Guides were either traitors, or unfit for their charge, for his army roved ab-

... 5 or 6 hours to no purpose; he upon this thought he was betrayed, & determined upon giving battle immediately, though his Men were fatigued to Death; & even then ran a very good Chance of gaining the battle had not of his Generals obliged a Clan, that had always fought upon the right, to take the left, & thus fixed the crown upon the head of G. II ——

I like beyond every thing the idea of your getting some establishment at Geneva; a Professors chair would be the thing for You, not so much from the Emoluments of ~~the place~~, as from the respectable footing it puts a man upon in that Country, More than any where else: but if such a thing should be likely to take place, tell me of it some time beforehand that I may find up all my experience, tune all my periods, & prepare all my phrases in order to Come down upon You with Such a torrent of advice, as may prove irresistable, & keep You in the right road with ~~any~~ respect to every the most trifling article of Your private Conduct. As to travelling, take the Word of a friend, the pleasure that attends it has been exaggerated beyond ~~every thing~~ You can conceive, & a man of Your Glowing curiosity would be disappointed at every step: the remains of antiquity, I repeat it, exceed every thing I had promised myself, the sensations one feels in passing over particular spots are delicious, & the Sight of Statues & Pictures ~~are~~ is frequently very interesting; but there is not ~~the~~ a Subject in any Government in Italy half so well informed of the nature & history of it, as You are; there is no society I would prefer, except for the first coup d'oeil, to the smallest coterie at Geneva; the Men have no sort of education, & the only women a Stranger generally sees, are for the most part disagreeably ugly, or as Common almost as if they Walked the Streets. — The Great Use of travelling

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in the knowlege of the World a Man picks up by seeing different people every day, but it is a very superficial one, & consists more in knowing how to say nothings, which is the only science I think You incapable of learning, than in any thing else. — I am a sending some books to England, do You send those I left at Geneva, I mean only such of them as You think worth the carriage, they must be addressed to I. B. E — C — H — L — & must go by Ostende — You may buy a few french authors for me at Geneva, as it is a good opportunity, only let me know what they are, that I may not buy them again, & the price that I may send You the Money from Lion. — Send off my books immediately — for I should be sorry not to have them upon my first arrival in England — Let Your first letter after the receipt of this be directed to Genoa, or rather to Marseilles, & Your next to Lion; could You get any letter of Recommendation for ~~Rome~~ Rome without begging for it? if so, do — I am already promised two or three — I call very often upon Mrs Pitt, who was at Geneva some time ago, She is a very sensible, clever old Woman, & worthy of being the Sister of My Lord Chatam: we talk very often of Mr Saladin as he, You & I did formerly of Fontenelle, & I have almost made myself a favourite of hers, by showing her that I can like people older than myself. — I have read hardly any thing else of late but Juvenal, for Italy is, of all Others, the Place to read him in; but besides the severe strokes that he gives to Vice of all kind, his Satyrs abound with traits that prove the greatest Knowlege of human Nature, Which Has in all ages been the Same. There is only one bad consequence I feel from reading ~~[illegible]~~ Juvenal & Horace

much as I have done of late, they make an Epicurean of me, the first by presenting to me the most disgusting sight of the vices of the age he lived in, which are in great measure those of ours, the other by the enticing manner in which paints a retired life, & the Charms of the fallentis semita vitæ. If ever I lead such a life, I hope it may answer to the description that Sallust gives of his in his preface to his Catiline Conspiracy. —— I am glad to hear that our history jogs on a little

Nunc oblita modi millesima pagina surgit
Omnibus, & ~~crescit~~ crescit multa damnosa papyro — look for these lines & the following in the VII Sat: of Juvenal, & tell me what you think of them. Speaking of the Necessity of a Man's being in tolerable good Circumstances in order to Compose ~~well~~, ~~how~~ ~~deep~~ well he expresses himself

Nam si Virgilio puer, & tolerabile desit
Hospitium ~~caderent~~ caderent omnes a crinibus ~~[illegible]~~ hydri,
Surda nihil gemeret grave buccina —— You may perceive that I have the Juvenal before me, for I don't pretend to pass upon you for having improved my memory in Italy.

American affairs, methinks, begin to wear a better face for the King's party; but the Southern provinces are yet to come, & my Countrymen are not such Poltrons, as the New Yorkers have proved themselves. ~~[illegible]~~ Who knows but it may be my lot to ~~[illegible]~~ Contribute some how or another to the reestablishment of peace in my own Country? if so, I shall think that I have done enough for glory, & give up the rest of my life to Friendship, & Letters. —— I am glad to hear that your Pecuniary Circumstances are so well, & I hope that you doubt as little the readiness with which I should empty your purse into mine, if I wanted mony

never translate the sentences marked thus (+ ...)

[illegible] my self You to find much more in all Your services. I called upon Banquier Barazzi to day for the first time, & found six of Your letters [illegible] for me, Good God how Came it ever into Your head to send [illegible] to him? I continually repeated to You to address them à la poste [illegible]ante, for I was in hopes not to have any occasion to take up those [illegible] Rome, where the Change is Very disadvantageous. I should not have lost [illegible] letters for the World, not so much on account of their intrinsick value; as [illegible] from my Mother & Sister that they enclose You must feel how precious [they] are to Me. I pity my poor Mother from my soul, did You ever see such [goo]d sense, cheerfulness & courage adorned with so much eloquence & embellish[ed] by so good a heart? If her Mind had been nourished by living in a more enlightened Country, She would have made a most distinguished Character [As i]t is, I am proud of her, & am determined that nothing shall prevent my [sooth]ing her Sorrows: Mr Boone will never think of opposing my resolution; & if he did, why then I should feel my heart (pulled) different ways by two different tyes & would break one of them, but he never will think of opposing my resolution — I have seen Rome & Naples, & shall soon leave [illegible] Venice, I shall then make all imaginable haste to Paris, & soon to London, where my Stay will be as short as possible. But What to Say to Your Proposition, My Mother & Sister would receive You well, but would it not be nipping Your Genius in the bud to leave Your present situation for a Scene, where the Sciences have never taken root? Take my advice, my friend, let me go over to America, see two Mothers stand, do You in the mean time distinguish Yourself sufficiently in the Litterary World of Europe to be able to Carry lustre with You wherever You may go some time hence.

In the mean time I hope to be something towards the reestablishment [illegible] stability of [illegible]
[illegible] in Carolina which may serve to gain me the goodwill of my [illegible] it will be [illegible]
[illegible] in England? If after that, if after [illegible] how much [illegible]
enough of the World to [illegible] no chance of ever repenting it, if after [illegible] good sense! Tell
[illegible] a sort of right to [illegible] whether I should [illegible]
[illegible] will remain in the same way of thinking. I am [illegible] to such a Mother
[illegible]: I have seen you think twice or thrice before you have leaped [illegible] cast from society; [illegible]
over a bridge [illegible] & [illegible] you take a leap over the Ocean with- [illegible] ungenerous, & ungr[illegible]
out thinking at all? Finish your history, illustrate yourself, be [illegible] as I could wish [illegible]
assured that my heart burns after you, & be assured also that my imagination [illegible] always [illegible] with [illegible]
[illegible] with my plan of happiness in which my Husband [illegible] then affection [illegible]
[illegible] are [illegible] part — I am sorry your eyes are weak [illegible] of [illegible]
Take care it be not your own fault — there are [illegible] to [illegible]
of [illegible] you
Tolerance of them, & doubled the idea of your ever being able to have [illegible] with him, he has
[illegible] from [illegible] in love with [illegible] telligent [illegible]
[illegible] North; [illegible] of Italy! [illegible]
[illegible] to Mr [illegible] whenever he [illegible]
[illegible] changes that you [illegible] In the first [illegible] speak to [illegible]
[illegible] possible that you should think [illegible] sometimes [illegible]
that I would write [illegible] looked upon [illegible] them [illegible] as [illegible]
[illegible] to you as [illegible] keep a [illegible]
[illegible] details, [illegible] you [illegible] Italian families [illegible]
[illegible] I will take care for the future, indeed as the same [illegible] my Providence [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] establishments [illegible]
[illegible] of my [illegible]
[illegible] that, if often [illegible]
[illegible] it, if often [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] I see [illegible]
[illegible] you have hoped
[illegible] the Ocean with
[illegible] yourself, be
[illegible] that my [illegible]
[illegible] my [illegible]
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[illegible]
[illegible] able to have
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[illegible]
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[illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] you [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] indeed at the [illegible]

multiplicity of objects, will no longer be presenting itself to me [illegible] [illegible] it will be more easy for me. Are not you in love with my sister? how much spirit, & how much tenderness joined to a great deal of good sense! Tell me, my friend, & desire Mr [illegible] to tell me, whether I should not be unworthy of you & them to neglect flying to such a Mother, & [illegible] sister? If I do, may I [illegible] cast from society, & may my name serve to express all that is base, ungenerous, & ungrateful. —— I have not had as much Conversation as I could wish with Italians, since I have been in Italy, but I have always met with agreeable strangers, sometimes a German, now a [illegible] & then a Frenchman, & you know, you used to praise me for [illegible] art of being able to draw something out of every body —— [illegible] Negro [illegible], I have every reason but one to be content [illegible] with him, he has all the fidelity I could wish & [illegible] intelligent than I flattered myself he would be, but the [illegible] of Italy! You know the [illegible] that easily besets [illegible] Whenever he [illegible] the least breach I turn him out of my [illegible] speak to him for some [illegible] afterwards — I am [illegible] sometimes [when you see [illegible] Boisier tell [illegible] them you [illegible] as much ever that I wish them & their Children health & happiness & never will forget their goodness) remember me to the [illegible] Italian families [illegible] — My heart is with you at [illegible] may Providence ever smile upon that seat of the Sciences, & bless its [illegible] & truly beloved inhabitants — My Service to [illegible] (for form sake) my respects [illegible]
[illegible]

You will hear from me from Venice — I will upon honour write to Mad: Bon: Send my books — pay fencing master — I will buy for etc from Lion, for much be Sparing of your Money —

Monsieur Muller
chez Monsieur Bonnet de Genthod
Geneva
Suisse

Remember me to Walter — You know whether I esteem him or not.

when You, & I used to be walking together by moon light in our little garden, Laying plans for our future lives, talking over our Common friends, or disputing about something in M Bonnet's last lesson, I never thought that in four or five months time I should be Writing to You from a little inn at Loretto upon the banks of the Adriatick sea, but so it is. I arrived here to day (the 25.th of Jun) & shall depart to morrow. Don't ask me any thing about this place, The Church is nothing to be Compared to that of Notre Dame des Hermites, the profusion of riches, apparently, much greater, & as for the Holy miraculous house itself, one sees but a very little part of the inside of it, for there is another of marble built round it, to preserve it no doubt from ~~such cur~~ the eyes of such curious travellers, as might be tempted to look for something cismarine in the Construction of it. I have been reading over Your letters, & my Carolina ones — Can I express to You, my friend, what I feel, when my Mother calls out to me to come, & alleviate the infirmities of old age, when in her interesting manner she ~~talks of persevering~~ urges every thing that should induce me to return home, & rouses up in my breast every principle of honour, consults my own ~~pr~~ interest, & stretches out her arms to me for protection? I will return to America, & that shortly too I assure You: Should peace once more take place in my unhappy country, my ambition would be to return to England, & to enter into some line of life capable of leading me in the end to something beyond Mediocrity: at all events You might come & plant trees with me at Kensington, & then we would read Tacitus under the shade of them: My Mother would receive you with a smiling face, & You should be unto Her as a Son, my Sister would make You give lessons of history to her little boys, & all of us might meet together in the evening, & make it slide soft away in friendly Conversations: nor should Genthod & its Dam

beloved inhabitants be forgotten, their healths should crown our board, & their
memory should Warm our hearts to Every thing that is Good: If You
ever come to America, come after having distinguished Yourself in such
a Manner in Europe as may ~~render~~ make my Countrymen feel the pre-
cious acquisition that they make. I am Glad to hear that Your history
goes on, & believe me it Would be my ambition to Give people in En-
gland an idea of it; for though there are a great many who read french,
there are very few, I believe, who read any thing much above a romance in
that language: I will venture to say Your English dress Would become You,
nor should my expressions sink under Your ideas: this is promising a great
deal, You'l say; mais que ne peut l'amitié? I would endeavour to enter
into the spirit of every Chapter, nay of every line, & thus mounting upon
pegasus's back behind You, We would ~~fl~~ fly up together to the temple
of fame. But What is to be done, if this Cursed War continues? there
is ~~one~~ a Gent who has succeeded exceedingly well in translating the Greatest
part of Montesquieu's & Voltaire's works, perhaps he might be made
to translate Yours. I'll see about it upon my return to England.
You do Well to be happy at Genthod, You do ~~better~~ well also in rea-
ding Dalrymple & Hume to Mr Bonnet, but You do Wrong beyond every
thing in scolding me for not writing to Madame, When You know that
my letters to You are addressed to the family, & that they have taken up as
yet every moment I had to bestow upon letter writing. — Whilst
my ~~heart~~ Soul is not Callous to Every sentiment of gratitude ~~Generous [illegible]~~, as long as
virtue shall continue to find a way to my heart, & wit & sprightliness
to make any one agreeable to Me, so long will I love & revere Madame
Bonnet — Upon my honour I will write to Her from Venice, for I
can not bear a reproach ~~so~~ from You. — You must Excuse my

~~entering~~ having entered as yet
was all eyes when I first ~~entered~~ arriv
You Were the overflowings of my
such a Multiplicity of Obje
myself again. ——. I have
being a little bad Weather, it
The Environs of Rome are not
monuments on the Bologna
of Lava, & the marks of Volcan
deep, You may see two on th
Others, & distinguish five or si
No Wonder Italy was so long
long unknown, & the Ancient
Country to Make Hercules
they might assert any thing
Contradicted. — When Homer
~~that~~ who Gave Ulysses so bad a
that he foresaw that the San
of Custom house ~~travellers~~ of
travellers. — You Will nev
of Tacitus stands in the tow
Ceres & Pallas have Shown
surrounding Hills are Covered
better is that the internal
Nobles from the Great Council
Nobles, of which number

won our board, & their
that is Good: If you
nished yourself in such
ountrymen feel the pre=
ar that your history
to Give people in En=
many who read french,
ch above a romance in
ss Would become you,
this is promising a great
would endeavour to enter
, & thus mounting upon
together to the temple
... continues? then
translating the Greatest
... he might be made
return to England.
... well also in rea=
do Wrong beyond every
, When you know that
have taken up as
writing. — Whilst
... as long as
, & with sprightliness
I love & revere Madam
from Venice, for I
much Excuse my

~~entering~~ having entered as yet so little into the detail of my private life, I was all eyes when I first ~~entered~~ arrived Italy & ~~treated you as if~~ what I wrote to you were the overflowing of my memory, burthened as it was with such a Multiplicity of Objects, but at present I begin to Come to myself again. ——. I have had a pleasant Journey here, notwithstanding a little bad Weather, it has layn through the finest part of Italy. The Environs of Rome are not so covered with the ruins of Sepulchral monuments on the Bologna side, but it is inconceivable the quantity of Lava, & the marks of Volcanos; in some places, where the road is a little deep, you may see two or three different beds of Lava one above the Others, & distinguish five or six different layers of Ashes & Pumice stones. No Wonder Italy was so long the land of fables, it must have remained long unknown, & the Ancient Writers Could not possibly choose a better Country to Make Hercules ~~...~~ or Ulysses & Aneas travel into, as they might assert any thing without running the Chance of being Contradicted. — When Homer ~~...~~ describes the ferocious Lestrigones, ~~that~~ who Gave Ulysses so bad a reception, ~~...~~ one is almost tempted to think that he foresaw that the Same spot Would be one day pestered With a nest of Custom house ~~travellers~~ officers to the mortification of all poor travellers. — You Will not be displeased to know that the City of Terni stands in the loveliest vally of the Appennines; Bacchus Ceres & Pallas have Showerd down their gifts on every side, & the surrounding Hills are Covered With houses. — What will please you still better is that the internal Government of Terni is very republican: 66 Nobles form the Great Council, & choose 12 deputies; these choose every two years six Nobles of of which number are taken every two months the three Priori Who govern

How this must sooth the soul of Your Great Model, & What a Zest it must add to the felicity he now enjoys in the fair bowers of the Elysian fields, where I hope it may be Your lot to Join Him, though not very soon. Having Told You of what I think must please you in Tevoi, I will tell You what pleased me; it was to find some resemblance (a distant one I confess) between The Situation of the place, & that of Schaffousen — the river, the manner in which the town presents itself at a distance, the neighbouring ~~[illegible]~~ hills, & then the Waterfall; which I make no doubt but what Tacitus used to Carry people to See; I only Wish I could prove he had Ever wore a perruque & then the thing would be done ——. This Water fall of Tevoi is the place Virgil is thought to have had in his eye when he describes Alecto's descent into Hell, 'tis certain he could not have pitched upon a better place for the purpose — It is not So stupendous ~~as~~ as the fall of the Rhine, but there is something much more ~~high~~ wild & savage in the look of the whole. — You are no doubt Curious to know ~~[illegible]~~ how I pass my hours with Maquinaz, I will tell You, either I read Juvenal or Demosthenes (for ~~though~~ an Italian translation makes me amends for my ignorance of Greek) or I ruminate upon my own situation & think of My friends, or I put him upon ~~giving~~ giving me an account of every thing that regards himself, or his native village, which he is perfectly well acquainted With the Constitution of. — The Constitution of Cremier, You'l say, is Not the Object of many peoples Curiosity, but there is a Wisdom in the disposition of ~~[illegible]~~ it which astonishes me, & I am as Well pleased to hear from the Mouth of Maquinaz what the Commune is, at what Age each individual enters into it, the Manner in Which the Money necessary for mending a road, or directing a water course

& the extent of the Jurisdiction of the Consistoire as any one can be to enquire into the Ways & Means that Great Britain employs in order to Carry on the expensive St Does in America, or of examining the reciprocal check of the three ~~parts~~ bodies politick that form the English Constitution. Though it would be a difficult thing perhaps to Show the original connection between the municipial Govern=ment of Your towns, & villages in Switzerland, & our political one, yet such a Connection does exist, I am sure, & I wish You would touch upon it in Your History. The Wisdom of the High & Mighty Lords of Berne is no where more apparent, than in their leaving their Subjects in quiet possession of an internal form of government which carrys with it the outward Show without giving them any sort of share in the direction of Political Matters; this is uniting the Advantages of a democracy to those of a Aristocracy — These last fourteen lines are written at Bologna, where I arrived Yesterday (Jan 29th) — The Apennines contain a great many ~~rich~~ fruitful vallies, which appear the more so perhaps for the Wild Scenes of barren rocks, & bleak mountains that succeed every Moment; but from about Macerata to Pesaro is the finest Country I ever saw, the hills are covered with Olive trees, & not an inch of ground is lost; after Pesaro begins one extensive plain that equals the finest Part of the Milanois; in short of these two or three last days Journey I have ~~formed~~ a very made me conceive a very respectable idea of his Holiness as a temporal Prince. Ancone is a covers the side of a ~~large~~ Mountain which looks towards the north, & has a mole running out into the sea which forms a very good port: part of this Mole is the same that Trajan had built

[illegible] expence, if we may believe the inscription of a triumphal Arch, that still remains entire upon it.— When I reflected that I was travelling upon the same road that had Carryed Cæsar to Rome when he first threw off the mask, when I crossed over the Rubicon, & read the same inscription, that, like a kind of Charm, was to defend the Republick, & which made Cæsar himself pause; I could not help admiring the strange fate of things, that there should remain, at A time when the pile of Roman Grandeur, which cost such quantities of blood & treasure, which gave rise first to such noble efforts of virtue, & afterwards was the occasion of so much vice, should be vanished from off the earth, & nothing be left us of Cæsar but a doubtful bush or two, & here & there a mouldering tower. The inscription is cut upon a stone about four or five feet square, & has been since converted into one of the sides of the base of a pillar erected by some Pope or another.— Bologna has something much too interesting in its History, & has produced too many great improvers of the Arts & sciences, & contains too many fine pictures at present not to render it a very interesting place. of that another time. I have now received all Your letters except one addressed to me at Milan, & another which I suppose I shall find slumbering in the post office at Venice. I am glad that You have received all mine, for I hope that you are thereby convinced I have much You always in my mind. I have received but three letters from Mr Bowne, of which I have communicated to you already what was in the least degree interesting, they were all three short [illegible] [illegible] Certain of [illegible] getting them, but [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] of the future [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible] — [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] as they are [illegible]

The Post too [illegible]
is no going with [illegible]
at the dirtiest [illegible]
a Walk. Happy [illegible]
plans for becoming [illegible]
in Your breast? [illegible]
independence follow[illegible]
[illegible] at poscas [illegible]
Orandum est, ut sit [illegible]
Fortem posce anim[illegible]
[illegible]
Natura [illegible]
[illegible] irasci, cup[illegible]
Herculis ærumnas [illegible]
[illegible] Venere, et [illegible]
What think You of [illegible]
rest poems. I ever [illegible]
& read some lines of [illegible]
that I like him [illegible]
[illegible] passage in [illegible]
[illegible] energical the[illegible]
[illegible] Royal Army [illegible]
[illegible] thing that [illegible]
[illegible] You.— Rom[illegible]
[illegible] time than I [illegible]
[illegible] to find [illegible]
[illegible]

...of a triumphal
...reflected that I
...ed Cæsar to Rome
...ver the Rubicon, &
...a kind of Charm,
...himself pause; I,
...strange fate of things
...Roman Grandeur, that
...perish to such noble
...much vice, should be
...[illegible]
...[illegible]
...the inscription [illegible]
...has been since [illegible]
...Pope or another. —

...[illegible] & has produced
...& contains so many
...[illegible] place, of that
...[illegible] one addressed
...[illegible]
...[illegible] all [illegible]
...I have [illegible]
...[illegible]
...[illegible] & they [illegible]
...[illegible] them, [illegible]
...[illegible]

The cost to have ones [illegible] [illegible] a great deal of Money, but then there is no going with a Voiturino, for if one dislikes stopping twice a day at the dirtiest inns that can be found, & never going any faster than a Walk. Happy as You find Yourself at Kendal, Yet how many plans for becoming richer are there not at this Moment fermenting in Your breast? take a bold fl[illegible] [illegible] immortality, my friend, & let independence follow of itself —

Ut ~~tamen~~ et poscas aliquid —
Orandum est, ut sit mens sana in corpore sano,
Fortem posce animum, mortis terrore carentem,
Qui spatium vitæ extremum inter munera p[illegible]
Naturæ, qui ferre queat quoscunque labores,
Nesciat irasci, cupiat nihil, et potiores
Herculis ærumnas credat, sævosque labores
Quam Venere, et Cenis & plumâ Sardanapali —

What think You of these lines, indeed the whole X^th^ Satyre is one of the finest poems I ever read. I have got a Variorum edition of Juvenal, & read some lines of him almost every day with infinite pleasure — What I like him for very much is his frequently referring to different passages in the Roman History, which he illustrates in a more nobly energetical manner — I see by the News papers that the Royal Army in America is like an Avalanche which bears down every thing that stands in its way, I wish too that it may accumulate as it goes. — Remember me kindly to North, & let him be assured that I love him more than I ever had an opportunity of manifesting — I shall endeavour to find time to write to him — to Mr. & Mrs. [illegible] with my [illegible] [illegible] — In the mean time I [illegible] [illegible] to her Care — I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] my representation & [illegible] them accordingly, they on their side [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible] & affection — My love to [illegible] [illegible] —

Addressed Your first letter to me
John Birkbeck Esq: at Mr. [illegible]
Tottenham [illegible] London —

Monsieur

Monsieur Muller &c

chez Monsieur Bonnet de Gen[illegible]

Genevra

you know the History of Bologna, my Master, much better than I do, you know also that when in 1278 the City deliver'd itself up in the hands of Pope Nicholas the   , & in 1506 to Jules 2, that the inhabitants stipulated that they should enjoy certain privileges which were still to keep up the form of the ancient government: these privileges are still in being; Bologna has an Ambassador at the Court of Rome, an Auditeur in the Rota, & a Senate which has the Government of the town, & the administration of its finances: the Senators are 60 in number, though they still call themselves the Quaranta, & are nominated by the Pope: the money that goes in to his Holiness's coffers amounts to about 17261 Roman cens. I saw a great many fine pictures, & spent some hours in seeing the various chambers of the Institut, among which none pleased me so much, as that which let me into all the mysteries of midwifery; there are representations in wax of every posture a Child can possibly find itself in in the womb of its Mother, with the necessary instruments, & the manner of using them that is is necessary in order to extricate it: I found Mr B's person of very great service to Me. Every booksellers shop I enter, I always ask whether they have Mr B's books, & whether they have sold a good many of them, my answer has every where been the same; the Contemplation, & les Corps Organisés have had a prodigious run, l'Essai Analatique sells very well, but the Recherches sur le Christianisme are in great measure supported by the Palyngenesie which is universally admired. — I left Bologna Sunday Morning, & after wading through the most horrible roads that ever man fell into, arrived at Ferrara that night. There are I am told a great many fine pictures at Cento, but I saw none of them, for I could not possibly stop: the town is defended against inundations by ramparts in the style manner of the

old fortified City, & the Country around Has the air of having being frequently laid waste. The Rivers in this part of Italy are almost as destructive as if they were so many beds of Lava; from Bologna to Ferrara are 10 leagues, to Ravenna 16, which make together 160 ~~sq~~ lieues quarrées, all this whole extent of Country is rendered almost useless by the the Po. the Rheno & a thousand other streams, which are continually changing their channels, & spreading over it. Ferrara formerly contained 100,000 inhabitants, which are dwindled down to 30,000, & they, could they be advised by Me, would quit such a Gloomy, boggy, unhealthy spot, & settle some where else. I embarked for Venise at Francolino, a little village upon the Po about 3 miles from Ferrara, & had a most disagreeable voyage of it as You may imagine: whilst the day lasted I ~~was~~ endeavoured in vain every now & then to get a peep at the country over the dikes on each side, but when the night came, & I found myself cooped up in a little Cabin under the necessity of either ~~dy~~ perishing with Cold, or being stifled with Smoke, I can not express to You, how much I could have wished to have been at the foot of Mr B's Bengere, even upon the little stool which You perhaps occupy at this very moment. Finding all My lamentations useless, I stretched my self out upon my trunk, with an old sail for my pillow, & amidst the Gruntings of the faithful Magnanae on one hand, & the Snoring of the no less faithful Will on the other, fell fast asleep. The Boat went all night, so that ~~as~~ the Morning found us very near Venise: I went upon deck & staid an hour in order to be sure of ~~of~~ seeing the renowned Mistress of the Adriatick as soon as it should be possible —

After straining my eyes for ...
now, & then at the Steeple...
the Canal that Conveyed ...
& the Whole City, rising ... crow[ned]
sight: at this ~~m~~ instant ...
Ferrara had inspired me ...
vanished from my mind ...
a spectacle. — 4th I shall ne...
letter of Mr Boone's, which ...
make any comments upo...
our two Common friends the...
retrenching a syllable ...
D— F— I am always ...
whatever my avocations ...
ed; the pleasure You seem ...
to make of Your Italian ...
vented or rather prompted ...
us all, & particularly You ...
the 10th of Dec: ; but I has...
inconsiderate exhortation...
should wish to have one...
& his reputation in any ...
indispensably the present ...
sent Government is perp...
an individual to resist ...
— Your Mother's situation ...
other Lady in Carolin...

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After straining my eyes for some time with endeavouring to catch a look of now & then at the Steeples of the Churches through the trees, which border the Canal that Conveyed us, We turned a Corner, When I least expected it, & the Whole City, crowned with turrets & rising from the bosom of the Ocean, burst upon my sight: at this ~~a~~ instant all the Gloomy ideas that the Country about Ferrara had inspired me With, even all the horrors of the last night vanished from my mind & left it free to the enjoyment of so magnificent a spectacle. — & I shall now leave Venice in order to transcribe to you a letter of Mr Boone's, which I have this moment received: I do not make any comments upon it, but only desire to know what your & our two Common friends think. — I transcribe it all, for I know my retrenching a syllable would displease you ——

D. F. I am always happy to hear from You, & I make a point, whatever my avocations may be of not leaving Your letters unanswered; the pleasure You seem to take, & the Good use You appear to make to make of Your Italian tour, give me no reason to repent, that I consented, or rather prompted You to take it. Your descriptions entertain us all, & particularly Your accounts of Rome, in Your last letter of the 19th of Dec:; but I hasten to remark upon Your Mother's very inconsiderate exhortation — If ever there was a time, when one should Wish to have one's friend or relation, consistently with decency & his reputation in any other part of the Globe but Carolina, it is indispensably the present juncture. By the latest accounts their present Government is perfectly Military, & of Course oppressive; for an individual to resist it, would be impossible, to Concur in it, making — Your Mother's situation can in no respect be Worse than that of any other Lady in Carolina: the part which Her Son in law takes assuredly pro...

-cumes her of Security, a Probably Consideration; Your presence could obtain no more for Her, though Her anxiety would of course be greater, for if She is distressed on account of the profession in which Mr Huger is engaged, She would be doubly so, were You embarked in the same Cause to which She so earnestly invites You. She has beyond all doubt a Claim to Your Affection & duty in all Circumstances of Civil life, but a publick step, upon which Your Character, Your fortune & future success in life so essentially depends, should before undertaken, receive the approbation of Your own mind. To be Wanting in filial offices is opprobrious, but to give Way to the entreaties of a prejudiced heated Woman (my good Guardian lost his Mother when he Was a Child) in a matter of no moment to her would be Weakness in the extreme: but I plainly see, that Your Generosity & Sensibility Were far more moved than Your reason, & had You fled to America, it would have been not because it Was right, but because Your Mother desired it: to lessen therefore Your distress on Your Mothers account, You may be assured that no further expedition is going against Carolina, & She as of consequence will have occasion for no other protector than Mr Huger; besides that there is the strongest probability of the Contest being before You Could get there; Gen: Howe being at the Heels of Washington who Was flying to Philadelphia When the last accounts came from N York, though a body of ~~[illegible]~~ men was left in the province, & 6000 detached on another expedition under Gen: Clinton, probably to Rhode Island: Add to this, the Brothers have again offered an Indemnity without Exception to all who shall return to their Allegiance Within 60 days from the date of the declaration, which I think Was in December. The Congress is scattered, the Paper Currency depreciated & individuals, though perhaps not convinced yet heartily sick of an unsuccessfull ruinous War, which has not only destroyed trade, the Subsistence of the Colonies, but even reduced them to a Want of the Most Necessary Articles. — Adieu B— (~~[illegible]~~)

He was a Man in whom the Malice of his Enemies could
discover very few faults, & whom his friends could [illegible]
wish better accomplished — His Memory all men loved,
tho' few followed his Example — In a word he
was a Man, that whoever shall after him deserve best
of the English Nation, he can never think himself
undervalued when he shall hear, that his Courage, [illegible]

is laid in the balance [illegible] & Compared to [illegible]
of the Lord Cassel ————————————
[illegible] be hanged in Chains for [illegible]
Tell me how Mr Bennet likes [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] — Mr Castleton — I think I heard in
[illegible] you [illegible] on account of [illegible]
[illegible] for [illegible] [illegible]

this Letter of Mr Boone's is in answer to a few extracts
I sent him of my Mothers Letters by Rilliet ——
Adieu for the Present My Historian — Write
to the once at Genes a la Poste Restante — &
then to Marseilles — My Love to M & M Bonnet

Venise Feb: 4 1777 —

CHARLES VICTOR

Venice Feb: 16th 1777—

I received Your 15th last night, but have seen nothing of the four-
teenth, so that I desire You would make me a second extract of
Mr B's letter, in case I should never meet with it any where, which
will not however, I hope, be the Case; for I should make You
vain Were I to tell You how infinitely precious Your letters
are to Me. The Carnaval is finished, & a most dull piece of
work it has been; the suppressing the Ridotto, where the Ga-
ming was carryed on, was taking away the life of it.—
It was some days before I could accustom Myself to the stepping
into a Boat instead of a Carriage, & to the going always in
masquerade, but ~~as~~ I began very soon to feel ~~very soon~~ as if
I had been used to both all my life, & to study the Govern-
ment, & the manners of the people at my leisure. I had been
taught to believe that a Venetian ~~turned of one~~ pale, if one
made him the least question concerning the Government, &c
but it is by no means true, for I have conversed with a great
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its tribune; then came a kind of Monarchy, a duke being created with almost absolute power; this lasted ~~[illegible]~~ very little & a Mastromiles, whose charge was annual, succeeded to the last duke, but gave place in 5 Years time to another, who was reestablished with all the authority of the first dukes. Then comes a suite of 42 thirty dukes down to the Year 1173, but Michieli the last of them being assassinated, a Government something like the present one took place. In the Year 1290 the duke Pierre Gradenigue 2d proposed that all those who that Year composed the Great Council, with the Members of the four last Years, should remain in the Government, & their descendants succeed to their places after their death, to the utter exclusion of any other family; the excluded were a little riotous in the beginning but have been ~~almost~~ ever since kept in Order by the Council of Ten — But what business have I to teach You history? You'l say; believe me, I do it in order to constrain myself to make an extract of the [illegible] history & constitution of Venise, for one does a hundred things in a letter that one never otherwise finds time to do — 1300 Nobles form the Great Council, which ~~[illegible]~~ makes laws & chooses the Great Officers of the State, but the power of making war & peace, of laying taxes, of administering the revenues of the Republick, of naming their Commanders in Chief by Sea & by land

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belongs to the Senate, which is composed of about ~~160~~ 120 members, chosen by the quinse cent, & balloted for every Year. The Council of ten has at intervals been as powerful as the ancient Dictator was; but its jurisdiction is now confined to seeing that no abuse of any kind creeps into the Constitution, to repress, & punish, as it thinks proper, every appearance of high treason, to call all military commanders to an account upon mere suspicion, even ~~at~~ if no complaint should be urged against them, with the privelage of being answerable to no one for their conduct. The Capi di Dieci, elected every month, are, one may say, the arms of the Council & do the active part of the business: having seized & confined a suspected person, they then accuse him before the Council, where his fate is determined, & determined too without his ever seeing his Accusers, or his Judges. The Inquisitors of state were formerly, You know, the depositaries of the Whole authority of the Council of ten, & acted with full power, when they could be unanimous, without being obliged ~~to inform~~ ~~the [illegible]~~ to communicate either their actions or the motives of them; ~~to~~ but this is far from being the Case since 1761; for have imprisoned Quirini, Who was Avogador, it was established after long debates that the Inquisitors should have no power of acting in any case, which regarded merely the civil government of the Republick, or the Administration of its finances. (see the bottom of the opposite page) It was proposed during the Course of these disputes to abolish the Council of ten, but representations of the poorer Nobles, & the Cries of the ~~people~~ populace whose only bulwark

it is against the Rich, ~~one the means~~ of prevented it. Their is a council called the College, which is nothing else but a preparatory body to the Senate, as the Capi di Dieci are to the Ten: the College is Composed of the doge, of three members of the Quarantie Criminelle, of six Sages-Grands who represent the Senate, of six Sages de terre ferme who have each different departments, &c: & receives the memorials of Ambassadors, the petitions of ~~private people~~ individuals &c: digesting them into the best order for laying before the Senate. The Six Grands Sages are at the head of the College, & sometimes, I believe, act seperately from it, & as their opinion ~~of so thing~~ the goes a great way with the Senate the President of them is, for his week, the first man in the state. I should have told You that the College not only lays before the Senate What has been put into its hands, but proposes the Objects that are to be deliberated upon; the power of doing so too on his part is the only remaining privelege of the doge, who is subject to a great many inconveniences, his house being made a prison of, & all his family being obliged to Quit the Government. (Maginnac this moment enters my Chamber with Your letter $\frac{10}{30}$, I have not read it Yet, but shall now leave off in order to do so, I hope I shall pick up every one of them at length; how astonished You must have been at different times at my not answering to Many very essential Articles in Your letters — I want but the 14th at present) J'aime à étudier cette nation spirituelle & élegante, j'aime à lui plaire, says You speaking of Italy — Perhaps there is not a nation in the World, & I don't except our savages in the Chacktaw country, that have so little elegance, & whose minds are so buried in the Grossest ignorance. If there is

a man of [illegible] letters in Naples, Rome, or Venice, he is either left to his serial meditations in some sixth story (étage) or ~~buried~~ lost in the gloom of a College, where very few have any sort of Curiosity to search for them. — Italy has without doubt been fertile in great Writers, & still produces some, but the Conversation of the Wildest set of Englishmen that ever broke loose from their Own Country, is more edifying, than that of the best company I ever was in, & I have been in the best — Neither Women or men have any sort of education, the former are [illegible] the same, but the men are different here from what they are at Rome, for they join to the most consummate ignorance a sort of vulgar familiarity, which arises from their constantly living Cum together, & being mostly upon the same footing. — What will surprise You More is that the Italians are altogether the ugliest people I ever beheld; Venice is supposed to contain more pretty women than any other town in Italy, I expected of consequence to see a great many, but never disappointment was equal to mine; There are two or three [illegible] tolerable, & so there are at Rome, but they all look extenuated & if they laboured under some illness or another; the men here look like shop keepers, & are magnificently dressed without any sort of taste — Take my word for it, [illegible], lay quiet for some time, & when You do travel, let it be at the age that Montesquieu did, otherwise You will certainly expose Yourself to be most cruelly disappointed. — As to Any thing at Schafhouse being the

object of your ambition, we see that in the same light, & I have no need to hearten you up against any thing they might offer you. All you say of the Charms of independance is very true; but what is independance? Do you think that hundreds a year constitute it. Enjoy the present moment, continue, as this I know you will, to love your two friends, & repose your sorrows in their bosoms, think that you are in a desert, where you will lose your way the moment you cease to go hand in hand with them. Look upon me as your brother, & as a brother, whose end in life will be to spend a part of it with you. go on with your history — it will be read of you — He was a ~~[illegible]~~ cujus prudentia [illegible]

Summos posse viros & magna exempla daturos
Vervecum in patria, crassoque sub aere nasci.

Who is this Prince Gonzaga? I hope you are not a going to add him to the list of Counts that used to give me so much uneasiness: The acquaintance of a man like you should be searched after, & not bestowed upon a Prince even that does not seem highly sensible of the value of it. By acquaintance I am far from meaning any casual intercourse, but that sort of half friendship which a certain professor [illegible] is so apt to strike up with any and every man he falls into conversation with. —— There is one thing, I hope, you would not neglect were there any occasion for it, I mean the assuring Mr & Mad. B of the Sincerity of the warmth

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Monsieur
Monsieur Muller
chez Mr Bonnet de Genthod
Geneva
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87/88

Genoa Mar 4th

Your XVI, my enormous historian, found me at Genoa; as to that in which, You say, You have given me an extract of Mr Boones letter to You, & Yours to him, I have seen nothing of it, I have Your XIVth. Your letter Knight will probably pass a week or two in the post office at Paris where Bavazzi will have sent it according to my directions in parting. You should have addressed it to Knight, whom I shall write to, in order that he may no longer be astonished at Your not answering his letter. I found here a few lines from Mr Boone also, he informs me that the Great Man has very lately asked after me, & assured him of his readiness to serve me whenever the opportunity should present itself. O, my Mutter, if the fine field of ambition You discover to my view of being instrumental in reuniting my native country to Great Britain was practicable — I should be the happiest man alive. At all events, the being animated by so noble an object is a recompense in itself, & I charge thee never to fail stimulating me to every thing that is great with all the effervescence of thy friendship, however doubtful the success may be: in all my wanderings through life Genthod & its well beloved, its dear inhabitants shall influence my conduct: You My friend shall animate my ambition, Mad: B shall soften my heart to every thing that is capable of rendering it like her own, & Mr B will teach me to overlook the trifling misfortunes that every one is subject to, & to tread upon his footsteps in the path that leads to virtue. When I consider the fate of Florence, Pisa, Vicenza, Verona &c &c:

Methinks it is easy to foresee what will be the end of Geneve, for the negatifs will let them^[selves] be Hectored out of every^[thing] rather than oppose force to force; & how can it be otherwise in a town where all the Young ^[men] are either fidlers, or philosophers; I mean, as You may easily imagine, des soi-disans philosophes, & this character You will, I am sure, find a very true one, from de Vanci down to my friend de Vegobre.
What You say is very true, there should be some consiglio di dieci, some sindicato dei supremi, & then a parcel of low demagogues would not have it in their power to overturn the constitution at every moment. These are dangerous tribunals 'tis true, but the members of them can scarce be guilty of any thing very flagrant with impunity: if they are afterwards accountable for their conduct: they have a very good way of punishing an obnoxius inquisitor of state at Venise, which I saw an Example of, the great Council appoints him governor of some town in terra firma, which immediately & most effectually banishes him; if he refuses, he pays a very severe fine, & is rendered incapable of holding any office for three Years. — If the Magistrates of Geneve had any one at their head capable of breathing a spark of resolution into their breasts, they would secure the concurrence of the Garrison & of their subjects & purchase peace & tranquillity very cheap at the expence of a little blood. — I have just finished the first book of Guicciardini & admire ~~with~~ the majestick flow of words with which he pours along: his character of Alexander VI is equal

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to Sallusts of Catilina, "fu solertia & sagacità singolare" &c: how well he discloses the interested views of L: Sforza, the how energetically he sets off the folly & vanity of Charles, & how feelingly & pathetically he laments the fate of Italy, exposed, from her own internal dissensions to the incursions of every Barbarian. —. Good Night — soft be thy slumbers — mayst thou dream of having finished thy history, as I shall on my side of having read & admired it. — I was very glad to get out of the tedious plain of Lombardy & to change that insipid sameness, which ~~was me~~ ennuies me beyond every thing, for the wild broken prospects of the Apennines; mountains covered with snow, torrents rushing down their sides, & rocks lifting up their craggy tops to the skies awaken an imagination, which has been lulled asleep by a perpetual succession of the same objects; I wish mine was sufficiently awaken'd at this mo=moment to attempt a description of the first appearance of Genoa, but without my entering into any detail, You may easily conceive how Glorious a ~~s~~ sight it must be, when after passing through a deep valley & admiring the magnificent country=Seats which are scattered over the hills on each side, one climbs ~~a high hill~~ an eminence & turning to the left beholds a city of palaces stretched out in the form of a crescent upon the banks of the Sea, whilst the mountains above & on each side still retain something of the original wildness of the place notwithstanding the Gardens, & palaces without number which form so many beautiful appendages to the City itself, & bespeak the Greatest Opulence, & luxury. Every

House almost is a Palace, & every Palace fit for the ~~rey~~ reception of the greatest prince upon earth; would you believe it, I cast but a transient glance over all this magnificence, & got my valet de Place to conduct me to the spot were formerly stood the house of Fieschi; it must have been finely situated, the prospect of the whole city & of the boundless ocean was such as was likely to give rise to Ambitious views in the mind of a Man endowed with a lively imagination: it is now but a mishapen heap of ruins, surrounded with a very high wall, which I climbed over, & with an ~~an~~ inscription over ~~the~~ where the Gateway was, which forbids any one's ever building upon the same spot. — There is some difference between the Governments of Genoa, & Venise; here the Doge with the two senators who live constantly with him, & 12 others ~~from the~~ answer in some measure to the Senate at Venise, ~~ex~~ except that they have not the power of levying taxes, or of Making peace & War, the Legislative body having retain'd thus much of the executive power — the College, composed of eight Magistrates besides those that have been Doges, has the care of the finances — The Great Council or Supreme Legislative body is composed of the Seigneurie (so the Doge & the twelve assisting Senators are stiled) & of 400 Nobles chosen every Year — The Sindicature dei Supremi are not the tribunal I thought they ~~lay~~ have at Genoa, as well as at Venise their inquisitors of state. — The supreme ~~council~~ tribunal in all ~~civil affairs~~ law suits that are not of a criminal nature, is composed of the Seignurie, the College & 100 members of the Great Council — This Republick which sent Colonies into the east

[illegible] possessed Smyrna, Crete, besides a great many islands in the Archipelago, & which has sustained so many bloody wars against Venice, & been so near getting the better of it, is now reduced very low indeed as a Military power; some commerce is still carryed on, chiefly with Spain & Portugal on one side & the Cities of Lombardy on the Other. —

I spent four days at Milan, & was introduced to Conte Firmian by the Venetian Ambassador, to Whom I had a letter; he speaks very kindly of Bonstetten, seems well acquainted With the [illegible] authors of every language of whom he has a most noble collection, & is very affable, & polite. — I am soon to quit Italy, satisfied with my tour which [illegible] a number of pleasing sensations in my m[illegible] & given a [illegible] to the ancient Roman & modern Italian history, the Classicks too interest me more than ever; but I repeat it to You again & again, That if You go into Italy With the idea of seeing an agreeable, lively people, & Women that are the handsomest in the World, You Will be cruelly mistaken. 'Tis no such thing — The Nobles are at best egregiously ignorant; men of letters are no where received into their Company but upon the footing of protection; the Ladies Have the Character of being galant, but of being indiscriminately so, & the lowest of rank (le peuple) joins the ferocity & love of blood of their Ancestors to a degree of knavery which exceeds all conception — I have seen hundreds of people leaping for joy at the sight of a bull tearing a dogs bowels out; & never received a piece of money in change at the posts but what the value of it was over-rated —

Mar. 5 — I depart tomorrow morning — Adieu

the 9th

I am arrived at Toulon after a tedious voyage of 4 days, in which I have had almost as many adventures as would go to an Epick Poem, if well put together, & somewhat illustrated; had I lived in Virgil's time I could have given him several good hints for his Aeneas. — Though it is Sunday the workmen are all hard at work here, & a War with England is the ~~mouth of every body~~ dans la bouche de tout le monde. — I shall put this into

Monsieur
Monsieur J. A. Muller
chez Monsieur Bonnet de Genthod
Geneve
Suisse

the post at Marseilles tomorrow. The Moment You receive this write to me à l'hotel d'Artois à Lion, give orders that the letters should be left there, though I should not be arrived. I have some thoughts of bringing Genthod a little visit of two days & of your taking the Dijon road to Paris, instead of going from Lion — But speak of this to no soul but Mr & Mad. B— I am as yet doubtful whether the pleasure of seeing them & You, is not inferior to the regret I should feel in quitting Genthod a time too. — Adieu — mon très Cher —

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Thanks for Your letter from La Sarra, My Muller, since You must be running about, I am happy to see that You carry me with You; it is not that I blame Your going to meet Bonstetten, if he did indeed press You, as much as You pretend, but I am apt to believe, that the proposition either came from You, or that You very hastily closed with ~~Yo~~ it. — You must tell me what You have been obliged to pay to that Bastard Son of Plutus, the M Picot, & I will send You the Money. the very Walls of Our little Mansion must have blushed to hear the vile pitiful disputes which that ~~wretch~~ chicaneur has made succeed to the friendly conversations & ~~[illegible]~~ mutual confidences; & If I wished to be poetical in this moment, I could represent to Myself the Spirits of those Great Men, whom We have so often invoked, retiring with slow steps & with many a sigh from beneath the shade of our old oaks, & giving place to Avarice, & meanness, with all their dira turba comitantium. — You will have received Herries's note of hand by this time, tell me the precise sum You receive, & how much more I am in Your debt, including the price of the Watch, which I seriously beg You to send by Dejean, unless a better opportunity shall offer itself before his departure. I have thanked Mad: Bonnet for Her & Mon: B.'s friendly offer, but Were I not perfectly well acquainted With them

both, I should be afraid that my acknowlegements would appear rather weak in return for What, sorry am I to say it, is now the greatest favour that one person can bestow upon another.—

I shall soon have the books I bought at Paris, they are arrived in England, do You desire C— to Write to his Correspondent at Ostend, in order that those he sent, may not stay a moment longer than is necessary.— 4 To be sure You must write to Me of Whatever You read, or ~~[illegible]~~ compose for the reading of others— I have so few opportunities of picking up any thing in Conversation at present, that Your letters are my only resource.— I read a great deal, but have as yet but tamper'd with the Law, & have convinced myself already, that ~~I should~~ though I desire to know enough of it in order to throw light upon different periods of our history, yet I never could descend down into the trifling detail of the Common law, unless it was With a better end than that of getting money for my pains.— I am as little inclined to preach against Riches, as You are to preach at all, & yet I do assure You that I see & hear of instances every day, which make me hug myself at not having been born With a great Fortune; property too is so transitory in this Country, & money falls into such hands, that one need not be a Philosopher in order to despise it.— I was Walking in the

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streets the other With Mr Boone, who made Me observe a mean looking Man Who passed close by us — that Person, sayd he, was some Years ago an under Waiter in a tavern, he connected him=self, no one knows how, with some persons possessed of a great ~~deal~~ of influence in the East India Company, he went over, stayd there ~~[illegible]~~ some time, & is now just returned With more than £100,000 sterling in his pocket. — What is still more strange, he is talked of for a Successor to Lord Pigot now governor in Bengal: the next Man We met Was — a Lord Milburn, who a few Years ago came to a prodigious estate, with a sum of more than £80,000 Ster: in cash — & is now Worth ———— nothing ————

to return to my studies — or rather to my reading — I have now in hand a book called Wollaston's Religion of Nature — the subject of which is Complex — but useful in some measure — I read it more for the Logick of it than any thing else; not but that the principles laid down in it may also be of some advantage to Me: — The 1st section treats of moral Good & Evil, — of the Ways of discovering to which of these ~~but~~ Any Particular action belongs — of what Constitutes a morally good or evil action, of the connection between Moral Good & Evil on one Side, & Truth & Falsity on the other — the second, of happiness, as flowing from Moral Good, the 3d of the Ways of discovering truth &c: &c: — Lord Mansfield recommends this book to all such as ~~[illegible]~~ intend studying the law, nor Would it be useless to ...

Should I afterwards throw by Coke upon Littleton in order to take up Sr William Temple's works; now I think of it, I must desire you to give me a list of the best books you know, or have heard of, which treat of negociations – peaces &c:; in short which have any refe=rence to the Ministerial or, if you like the word better, the Embassadorial line. — I sometimes dip into Rapin, who seems very well informed, & who is singularly impartial, but [illegible] Hume leaves far behind him with respect to the interior Government of the King=dom, the increase of Commerce, & the Progress of the Arts & Sciences besides – Rapin too creeps, when Hume soars. — I now am come to an article, which I know you are half angry with me for not having to[illegible] upon before; – I mean the state of my hopes — be all ears then — I yesterday called upon Mr Rigby with my Guardian; this Mr Rigby, you must know, is my cousin, – he is moreover one of Mr Boone's best friends, & to Crown, & has as much influence as any man in the Kingdom — He received me very polite[illegible] entered upon business immediately, without giving my Guardian the trouble of breaking the ice; he asked me the line in life that I pre=ferred — You know my answer — Upon which he assured me that he would that day speak to Lord Weymouth, who deny'd him no=thing, adding that I must be contented to begin with something rat[illegible]

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I am set Down to Write to You my historian, my enormous historian, after having been at the Comedy, my letter can not of consequence be very long & for fear I should fall asleep during the course of it, I shall be=gin by thanking You for Your excellent letters which I found at the post — Populus Alcidæ gratissima vitis Iaccho,

Formosæ Veneri Myrtus — my delight is in Your letters, they penetrate my very soul, & charm & convince me at the same time — What should we do, if we could not write to one another? I am sorry that so many people should know that it ever enter'd into my Head to go to America, for I dislike above all things that any other but my friends should know what I do, or intend doing in things of a private nature — I warrant You I keep clear of Franklin at Paris, but We will talk over that matter at our leisure very soon, for I hope once more, & God forbid it should be the last time, to ~~pass~~ hail the sacred retreat of virtue & philosophy, were it only to make myself amends for the numbers of uninteresting people I have seen since I quitted it. — Be upon the road to Versoix friday evening, for I have already hired horses & am to set out thursday morning — upon second thoughts You had better not be upon the road, as I may possibly arrive very late — I can not possibly stay more than three days & I ~~p~~ hope You won't think of asking me — All You say against Going

to America is excellent, & corresponds exactly with my own ideas. my comfort is that Did I yield to my Mother's exhortation at present, She would be the first to regret it afterwards. — Were You & Bonstetten at Locarno, I should fear the Contagion of the Italian air, & as to the Comte de Firmian, I scarce believe that there is any thing extraordinary in him; except that he joins a good heart & extensive knowlege to a very elevated situation in life. — The letter You think the Worst, is one of the best in my opinion: — indeed they are all — Your view of the State of Europe is excellent; add to it the Americans, & particularly the Carolinians Who twelve Years were incapable of defending themselves against the Savages, now bidding defiance to the Whole force of Great Britain. — I am glad to find that Your history moves on — & shall cry out very often in reading particular passages — et quorum pars magna fui — Switzerland is unknown in Europe, I was reading a Ministerial pamphlet the other day which alledged that the King of France could overrun Your Country in as many days as it contained Cantons — What do You say to that?

nous parlerons de certaines choses — quand nous serons seuls —

As You will see me the day You receive this — I say no more at present — Ah! My heart burns after Genthod —

Meziere accompanies me,

-ently with my own ideas; my
Mother's exhortation at pre-
-gash it afterwards — Were
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-nian, I scarce believe that
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after Genthod

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Ds Terme on horseback it is impossible to bring him —

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Monsieur

Monsieur le Professeur Mallet

chez Monsieur Bonnet de Genthod

Geneve

near the confines of Georgia—

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geh— my Con: to M. le Sindique

— say something more than

compliments—

Paris — Vendredi 4/17 — as letters 9#195

I believe I may fairly venture to say that never such as Your last was ever written from the Within the Walls of Mantua, which has now at least some chance to be known in after ages, when the fragments of the great Miller will be collected together, & devoured with as much eagerness, as You would the lost passages of Tacitus, should it ever please chance to present them to Your azure coloured eyes. — You are already another Cæsar in the art of War, & talk of the Column & square batallion as familiarly as if You had read all that in one of Millers great books — would fortune Nature give You but another pair of eyes, & a few other trifling ingredients, Who knows but what You might attain thirty Years hence the Glory of not bein an altogether contemptible General ——

I'll tell thee how I have passed my day — This Morning about a quarter after eight I made shift to break the soft slumbers of the mighty Magnirac Who reposes in a little room separated from mine by a thin partition —

Then breakfasted, & afterwards made acquaintance for the first time in my life with the Cardinal de Retz, who is the only person who ever wrote his own memoirs as Memoirs should be wrote — Others tell You what they did, or would have done, but He in the overflowing of his heart tells You at the same time all he thought, one fights, loves, & intrigues ... admirable political reflections that

are scattered here & there & seem to have cost the author no sort of reflection but to have resulted naturally from the subject —
I then ~~now~~ rolled about Paris for an hour & called upon Mil: Stormont whom I did not find at home, but who has since invited me to dinner next thursday — Whilst I was returning home it came into my head all of a sudden that a Russian Prince whom I had known at Naples, had given me a letter for a Membre de l'academie des Inscriptions &c: a Mon: de Villevoisin — I called upon him & found a genteel young man surrounded with ramparts of books & manuscripts on every side; I made my way through them & seated myself at his fire side — Vous aimez les Auteurs Anciens, Monsieur, à ce que me dit Mon: le Prince — A t'il rien de plus noble, de plus sublime ~~& de plus~~ que Homere! Ecoutez comme Il exprime le Vent qui dechire une voile — Upon this came a volley of Greek verses, which I stopt the current of by confessing that I did not understand a word of them — We then talked over Virgil Horace & Tacitus, & he really appears very well versed in those authors, except that he is for attributing every thing to the Greeks, which I, who you know was always a little of a Trojan, did not perfectly agree with him in — however we parted very good friends with an appointment to meet at his lodgings again that evening, whence he was to carry me into a society of agreeable people, which met

almost every night in the
room I called upon Lady
is lately brought to bed
monies, & after having
through half a dozen room
She was sitting on rather
a fine embroidered robe
by Her side with some
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of a Pagod — Having
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...the people which was

almost every night in the Week. — At five o clock in the After
noon I called upon Lady Stormont, our Ambassadress, who
is lately brought to bed — I was ushered in with the usual cere=
monies, & after hearing my poor inconsiderable name echoed ~~[illegible]~~
through half a dozen rooms, entered that in which the Lady was.
She was setting or rather laying upon a kind of Bergere, with
a fine embroidered robe thrown over her, & a little table standing
by her side with some books most sumptuously bound upon it. —
all this with the richness of the furniture gave her the air
of a Pagod — Having ~~[illegible]~~ paid my adorations to this fair
idol, who is really very handsome, & having both of us agreed
with a becoming gravity that the weather was very cold &c:
&c: we were sliding insensibly into something that began to
look like Conversation, when two Frenchmen ~~[illegible]~~ were an=
nounced, who astonished me by the facility with which they
talked a great deal without saying any thing — Whilst I
was ruminating upon making my exit, & getting away from
within the hearing of the nonsense that occupied the people
before me, — More company came in, & I slipt off unperceived
as I was probably unregretted — Sic me servavit Apollo —
At half past six I called upon Mon: de Ville — Who told me
not to be surprised if he carry'd me to the Wife of a bookseller's — but

I might be certain of meeting good company there — Nor was I

disappointed — She is a pretty, not to say handsome Woman, ~~an~~

modest & polite, & sufficiently well read to make her house

an agreeable place of rendezvous to Men of letters; I soon fell

into a conversation about America with a Man with a

~~[illegible]~~ lively *spiritual* countenance, whom I did not fail surpri=

=zing by my manner of thinking, & by ~~[illegible]~~ being able to find ar=

=guments ~~[illegible]~~ to ~~[illegible]~~ defend it — I take care, as you may well ima=

=gine, not to ~~[illegible]~~ *dispute* with any one, so that our conversation

soon ended, & gave place to one of a more agreeable ~~[illegible]~~ general

nature. — My antagonists I ~~afterwards~~ learnt, as I was

carrying my conductor home, is the Mon: Melon, you saw

some time ago at Geo: Wood; he is upon the point of setting

out for Constantinople, from whence he intends making a tour

of the Greek islands —— There is one Observation that eve=

=ry one must make upon the French — they are ~~[illegible]~~ entire=

=ly incapable of any thing that surpasses the common mea=

=sure of ~~think~~ things; though naturally humane, what horrible

~~[illegible]~~ excesses have they not been guilty of, which have

never sullied our annals, except for the moment that a blood=

=y Despot, & a female one held the reins of government! — Their mind of a French=

=man bends likewise under the weight of extensive erudition ~~likewise~~ a[t] not —

Montesquieu to be sure & a few others are exceptions, but there was as much different between that Great Man, & the Generality of his Countrymen, as there is between a common star that twinkles unobserved for ages, & a comet that draws the attention of mankind. I have been ruining myself in books, & shall be obliged if I don't take to beg my way to Calais, & to swim over to dover — I have added — Sevigné — Moliere — Destouches — le Cardinal de Retz — l'Abbé Reynal, the Pres: Henault, Phil: de Comines, & le Journal de l'Etoile to the books You purchased for Me — By the by should Chinde have not sent them to Ostande, You may bid him address them to "Charles Hochereau — l'Ainé — Libraire — Quai & attenant le Caffé de Conti le [illegible] de Conti, à la descente du Pont Neuf" Who has engaged to [illegible] them to England [illegible] safe & in very little time — if the Books should be gone — I say nothing — I am [illegible] tired & sleepy & demand no other recompense for the letter I have wrote you, provided You can read it, but that You should express to Mr & Mr. B: how much I love them, without forgetting M. L. S. — Write to Me immediately upon the receipt of this with the same address as before — Adieu — My historian — Did we live in the time of Paganism, You might be sure of being made a constellation at Your death, for one would swear by thy visage, [illegible] right, that thou wert Brother in law at least to the [illegible]

Adieu once more my [illegible] Historian —

PARIS

Monsieur

Monsieur Muller

Ches Monsieur Bonnet de Genthod

Geneve

94/95

I can not express to You, my Miller, how happy I am at having made a trip to Genthod, where every thing is so different from what I had seen for some months before, that I can scarce persuade myself but what the Whole is a Dream, & that I did not in reality take a walk with You in our little garden, shake M B by the hand, or sit down at one end of Mad: Bonnet's bergere. – We took leave of one another like two men whose friendship is not built upon so slight a foundation as the mere habitude of living together, but whose hearts are proof against absence & distance & can touch one another from the two extremities of the Globe. I left Lion in such fine Weather that I had locked up my great Coat as useless, but I had reason to repent of it the next day, for the Wind changed, & it became so intensely cold, that when I got at night out of my chaise I actually could not stand upon my legs, so benumbed were they, & of consequence was fit for nothing else but to go to bed – it was the same thing the day after – I need say no more to explain my not writing to You upon the road. – The Bourbonnois & Nivernois are two of the finest provinces in France, every inch is cultivated, & the Country is just hilly enough to prevent that dead flat which so soon tires the eye in Lombardie. – The first view of Paris stretched out in a beautiful plain, & the idea that I was approaching the seat of Empire of Louis 14, who with all his faults, was certainly a great King, where so many men of Genius have lived at different times, & where the arts & sciences have so long flourished, bore up my mind against the melancholy thoughts that suggested themselves, when I considered that among so many hundred

thousand people I had not in all probability even an acquaintance—
It does very well for a Man to enter Paris, says Sterne, who can flounce
in with half a dozen laquais & a couple of cooks in his train, & cry out
me voici mes enfans; but a poor simple traveller, like myself, might
as well be at the bottom of a Well for any thing he sees of the in=
habitants, except those he meets in the streets— I hope to ~~hear~~ find out
Mr Cramer this afternoon— Had I been an inhabitant of the moon
or some planetary being thrown by chance upon our Globe, it would not
have been necessary for me to undergo more changes in order to appear in the
World; my coat is ~~too~~ too long, my hat too little, & every thing ~~that~~ which
~~should be~~ about me otherwise than what it should be; so that I am
obliged to stay at home, whilst the Tailor is making me a new black coat,
& my head is buried in an immense beaver, which ~~my~~ makes my face
look as if it had been cut into two, an operation which it is by no means
so well calculated for as Yours.— Manigault swears that he would
scarce know me if he was to meet me in the streets. I intend calling
upon Mylord Stormont tomorrow; & do to Franklin, he lives but a few
doors off; he is, I am told, very far from being rich.— as I am pretty
much in the same case, I intend staying but fifteen or sixteen days here for the
most, & hope to have the pleasure of seeing my Guardian in three
weeks or a month— I shall then be able to surmise at least my future si=
tuation in life, & prepare myself for the part I am to act; & most heartily do
I wish, I can assure You, that it may be such a one as may reflect honour upon
our connection, & that we may be able some years since to congratulate one anoth=
er upon the success of our ambition, & to rejoice at having lived ~~letter~~ together, & having passed so much time
in great Measure under the same roof with Monsieur Bonnet.

I am, I must confess to You
a man though I should
with the greatest pleasu
termine the ~~of~~ object of
was likely to Contribut
days glide fast away
but such common
remain in Obscurity for
~~my~~ Lord North will
he does not— I will
satisfaction of
that I have some
of beginning the day
of it:— I intend
to give her such good
flen as will prevent
last letters, without
respect which I owe
think that the tenderness
shall I find words
returning to Carolina
~~the~~ strengthen the
a severe stroke to her
one tear on my accou
not from resolutions.—

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one as may reflect honour upon
ors since to congratulate one anot
~~Having~~ passed so much time
at having lived ~~better~~ together,
t Monsieur Bonnet.

I am, I must confess to You, most heartily tired of the life I have led for some time, & even though I should enter into the World here, shall return to England with the greatest pleasure: I am at present of an age to ~~fix upon~~ to determine the ~~of~~ object of my ambition, & should think of nothing but what was likely to Contribute to the success of it; instead of that I feel my days glide fast away one after another, without being marked by any thing but such common events, as fill up the life of those who are condemned to remain in Obscurity for ever: this can not, must not continue, & I hope that ~~my~~ Lord North will soon put it in my power to live to some purpose, if he does not_ I will devote myself entirely are letters, & shall then have the satisfaction of laying down at night with the agreeable reflection that I know something more than I did the day before, ~~& of~~ of beginning the day with the prospect of growing Wiser in the course of it._ I intend Writing to my Mother very soon, & will endeavour to give her such good reasons for my being of a Different opinion from Her, as will prevent Her writing to me any more in the strain of her last letters, without diminishing at the same time in the least degree the respect Which I owe to so fond a ~~Mother~~ Parent, or giving her any reason to think that the tenderness of my affection is any ways abated_ but how shall I find words to tell Her, that my intention is so far from returning to Carolina, that I am doing every thing in my power to ~~other~~ strengthen the bands that Connect me to England? this will be a severe stroke to her I am sure, & the bare idea that She should shed one tear on my account is capable at certain moments of shaking my most firm resolutions._ I shall send the letter to You, & You will give it to

Rilliet, Who has promised me to forward it.—

Thursday— This Morning I have been running about Paris in order to form to myself some idea of the external magnificence of the City: when I saw the Statues of Louis—13—14 & 15— Mr Clason's remark came into my head, & I could not at the same time help admiring within myself the utility of History, without which We might be terribly deceived by the inscriptions in honour of these three Kings, & think that the first was the Wisest—& most just of their Monarchs, that the second Was the Conqueror of all Europe in his time, & the establisher of universal peace & Concord, & that the third Was the bravest Hero, & the best of Kings.— I have seen also the arch of triumph erected in commemoration of the Conquest of Holland, but when I was about to examine it, I called to Mind the simplicity of that Of Titus, & turn'd away to another object.— Be sure that I shall take good care not to pretend giving You a description of all I see, except it be something very remarkable— Should I see any of the reigning beaux esprits at Paris, I will endeavour to give You an idea of their persons & manners— I called upon Mr Cramer this Morning, he received me very politely, & told me that he Would take the first opportunity of carrying me to Mon: Necker's— Adieu for the present, my dear Historian, & assure Mr & Madame Bonnet of my love— My respects à M— Le—S— I have an inward persuasion that I shall not be long Without seeing You, & if I had not, that alone would be sufficient to cloud the gayest picture of felicity that my imagination could sketch out— I this Moment this very moment receive Yours,

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[illegible] upon my affairs, & scarce ever upon [illegible]
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put it in the post — I should be sorry if You lost it — I
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who stand in need of all the appendages [illegible]
be blame, he is very despondent, and [illegible]
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Moncery [uncertain]

A Monsieur Muller

Chez Monsieur Bonnet de Grosted [uncertain]

Genevé

My not having any letter of Yours to answer, my Muller, is no reason why I should not write to You; expect however a very short letter for It is now near ten, & I am fatigued to death — fatigued with what say you? - of having visited Versailles, Marli & St Germaine in one day. — Three days ago I received a letter from my Guardian, - of which I will transcribe for You the most interesting part — He begins by telling me, that He perceived I had not met with two of his letters, one addressed to Genes & another to Marseilles, in which he expressed his desire that I should not go to Paris, but does not fail, upon finding that I am there, to give me very good advice for the regulation of my Conduct — I am sorry I did not receive those two letters —

He desires me to make but a very short stay at Paris, for reasons You may very well imagine; — after this - He continues thus — "So far from disapproving Your visit to Genthod, I highly applaud You for it; it is a proof to me of Your gratitude & discernment; I look upon Your connection with that family (of which I reckon Mr Muller) as the Most fortunate occurrence in Your life; to it You owe information, character, & pleasure, effects that will be as permanent as they are agreeable; at the most dangerous period of Your life, this Family has given Your mind a happy biass, that I trust will prevent any deviation from what is sensible, & Honourable. If I know them, this visit will be the most acceptable return you could make them for all their kindness, it will at once

a proof of Your sensibility, & that You know how to value, & have profited by their friendship — As You advance in life You will lose something of Your feeling, but You will meet with nothing, at least I never did, to make you amends for any sacrifice You may be tempted to make of social comforts, & private happiness."

My life at Paris has not been very variegated, one has soon seen all that is internally worth seeing in town, as to the inhabitants I am not sorry to have been so little in their company — Adieu for the Present — I shall finish this letter at Calais, You will get it a day or two the later, but I can not continue at Present — 9 Avril —

Calais — 12th Mr Boone's letter & the excessive expence that one lives at — at Paris determined me to set out as soon as it was possible; if things take a happy turn for me In England, I shall always have it in my power to make a trip over to Paris, so that my regret at going away so soon was much surpassed by the pleasure that the idea of seeing my Guardian in five or six days gave me — A thing happened to me at Paris which I must tell You — As I was reading the Memoirs of De Retz one morning in my chamber & admiring that fertile genius for every thing that was necessary to raise a commotion in a great City, the Great Magnimus entered my chamber with a letter in his hand, which had been left by a Servant in livery — It was most horribly written, I succeeded however so far as to find out that it was a Monsr de Roy who desired me to step to his lodgings, for that he something very interesting to communicate to me —

municate to me — It ...
to my Penetration, that it ...
learnt by Chance that Co...
with me — Tossing up ...
ving all my best argume...
coach, & was very soon at ...
I asked whether a Mon: le ...
The servant answered Yes to ...
ushered into a very neat ...
Franklin himself, not ...
who laughed very heartily ...
& applauded herself upon the ...
face upon the Matter, & ...
offert, for having procured ...
book that She had been readin...
other than the Nouvelle ...
the great admirers of this ...
but I shall stop Your ...
been capable of risking ...
neither very pretty nor ...
that very Eloise ... St Preux ...
mingled into the arms ...
effect this had upon me; ...
for being obliged to go ...

know how to value, a heart pos[...]
[...] in life You will lose some
[m]eet with nothing, at least I
[s]acrifice You may be tempted
[ha]ppiness."

[...], one has soon seen the all
[in]habitants I am so sorry to
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will get it a day [...] on
[...] at Present — 9 o'Clock —
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[...] over to Paris, so that my [...]
[re]paid by the pleasure that
[...] or six days gave me —
I must tell You —
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[...]ting that was necessary to [...]
[...] Magazines entered [...]
[...] left by a Servant in livery —
[...] however so far as to find out
[...] who desired the to stop to [...]
[...] interesting [...] to com-

municate to me — It immediately struck me, for I must do justice to my Penetration, that it was Some American Agent, who having learnt by Chance what Countryman I was, was desirous of speaking with me — Rousing up the ~~[...]~~ flame of Royalty in my bosom, & preparing all my best arguments against the Americans, I order'd my coach, & was very soon at the House indicated in the letter — I asked whether a Mon: le Roy lived there, & whether he was at home, The servant answerd Yes to both questions, I walked up stairs, & was usher'd into a very neat room, where I found, not the ~~[...]~~ redoubtable Franklin himself, not dean — but ——— a girl of the town who laughed very heartily to see ~~[...]~~ me enter with my usual gravity, & applauded herself upon the success of her scheme — I put the best face upon the matter, & thanked Her, with as much glee as I could affect, for having procured me Her acquaintance — I took up a book that She ~~was~~ had been reading when I enter'd, & found that it was no other than the Nouvelle-Heloise — You, who are not, I believe, one o the great admirers of this book of books, may triumph, if You please; but I shall stop Your triumph, by assuring You, that I might have been capable of risking my health, out of pure mauvaise honte with a Woman who was, neither very pretty nor very Young, had not the book open'd upon that very Letter ~~that passage~~ in which St Preux expresses his regret for having been inveigled into the arms of a whore — You can not imagine the effect this had upon me, I immediately made my excuses to the lady for being obliged to go away, which She consented to upon my giving her

a rendezvous — which I firmly determined not to keep ——
These are the dangers that a young man runs at Paris, & these are
the means of extricating himself — qu'auriez vous fait dans mon
cas? —. The view of this Country, where our Ancient Kings have
~~performed~~ won so many victories, & which once belonged to us, does
not fail drawing a few reflections from the mind of any one,
who likes to ~~follow~~ compare the successive events of different ages.
As I was ~~go~~ rolling along Yesterday ~~[illegible]~~ in my miserable vehi-
cle, I observed the ruins of an old castle upon the top of hill, which
I was going to ascend, & naturally concluded that it had been built in the
time of our wars in France; this introduced a long chain of ideas in
my mind, & I endeavoured to sum up, as well as I could, ~~in my head~~
the different revolutions that had since happened in the two kingdoms;—
I represented to myself how astonished Edward or Henry would be
to learn, that the Nation which they had ruled as they please &
made subservient to their own private ambition, had since cut off the head
of one King, chaced away another, ~~established~~ how Henry the 8th would
foam to read the bill or rights —— & on the other hand,
how surprised John, or Philip would be to see the flexibility which
has succeeded to the haughtiness of their once powerful Barons ——
In the middle of my reflections, I found myself upon the top of the hill,
& that my mind castle was nothing more or less than an old windmill —
This ~~once~~ changed the Concatination of my ideas, I began to reflect upon the

Castles in the air that a certain professor of my acquaintance very often builds upon less foundation than a Windmill, & was in the middle of a very grave letter to You upon that subject, when I arrived at the inn, & soon felt, such was the influence of a good fire & something to eat, all the ~~sever~~ scolding I had prepared to give You, give place to that Warmth of Affection, with which, notwithstanding all thy faults, Je serai toujours ton Chilock — The day before I left Paris, I saw the great great great great great great grandson of Henry 4 — who, I am afraid, is as far removed from Him in Merit, as he is in descent. He is stout & vigourous, with a face that means neither ~~to~~ good nor harm — The Queen is pretty enough, but by no means handsome in my opinion, [illegible] fair, & well made — I was not presented as I thoug[illegible]ld be ridiculous, My stay at Paris being so short a [illegible] one rambles about the palace of Versailles with more liberty than one enters into any private house whatsoever — Ravillac — J. Clement — & damiens have rendered the Court much less upon their Guard than I could have imagined — I write this to You upon the same table that I have this moment dined off of, & in an hour & a half's time shall set off for England: You would Pity me so would Mr & Mrs Bonnet if — you knew how ~~B~~ rich I shall shortly be — Adieu, My dear Mother, — & tell Mr & Mrs B— that I hope I shall never reach Dover if I do not love them as a Son loves his Father & Mother — Mes. Res: à Mad: la Lin: —

address — à Mr. Boone — till further notice —

CALAIS

Monsieur

Monsieur Mallet

chez Monsieur Bonnet de Genthod Geneve

London — Ap: 14

Awaken all Your feeling — my Dear Muller, soften still more the natural tenderness of Your heart, & then imagine all I felt, when I grasped the hand of him, Whom in this World I owe the most to — Had I lost my Father for years, had he been thought dead, & had some unexpected incident placed him before Me of a sudden, I should not have felt otherwise — My Whole heart was dilated, I could scarce speak, & had I not been restrained by two or three people that I found at his house, I could almost have thrown myself upon my knees before him —. the Pleasure of giving may be great, but it never can equal the delightful sensation that seizes the Whole soul at the sight of one, Who has showered down benefits upon Us, & whose thoughts have so long been bent upon, & Whose actions have so long contributed to our happiness. — (~~but~~ I shall continue at an other opportunity ——) — I dined with My Guardian today, one of the first things he asked me about was concerning my friends at Genthod, whom I am happy to find he is as well acquainted with as I am — we have had a great deal of conversation together also about my debut in life, which depends altogether upon myself, unknown as I am, & unprejudiced as the World is either for or against me — Our plan is this — to Cultivate Lord Mob's acquaintance without appearing to do it upon the footing of one who desires a place only & to take chambers in Lincoln's Inn, where I am to study the Law, unless I like studying of any thing else better; ~~in~~ this ~~Which~~ will place me upon a respec-

table footing in life, & satisfy the idle curiosity of those, who may be desirous of knowing who I am, & what I am doing — Lord North has never seen My Guardian without ~~a~~ expressing his desire to serve me, he even gave him a rendezvous at his house one morning in order that they might talk over the matter together, so that I think I may venture to depend upon him & on my part, I swear to You by our friendship, I am determined to begin life in a manner that may give a good omen of me; I shall read all the Morning, in the Afternoon I shall go & see My Guardian, & the few acquaintance I shall cultivate; I will endeavour to behave myself in the World as well as I can, to comply in great measure with the caprices, to laugh (though within myself) at the follies, & to despise the vices of it. — Methinks I should at this moment be happy, but I must, I must tell You the truth; I must confess to You that I am not — My Mother, I hear, has suffer'd very much with a pain in her face, this has broke her health so much, that She is scarce to be known again; I hope in God that She may have got rid of it by this time, but the bare idea of her suffering at this very moment perhaps, added to all She must feel on my account, this wrings my very soul — In the middle of my dreams of Ambition, the thought of Her shoots like lightning across my mind. I see her pale emaciated face, I

see Her beckon to me, I ... has watched the line lon... stion within me. — ... as well as I do, what I ... one must see the propri... for my future welfare, ... of their succeeding, on the... than I can express. — ... Several American families ... from a State of extreme a... some of the very necessar... her situation would in al... at the bare idea of it, ... ces. —. I now feel more ... have led together, You & ... my mind, as well as upon ... long as I love You both ... Changeons de Sujet — Lord ... to his paying no sort of a... of Mortals, & not at the Ca...

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... pale emaciated face, I

see Her beckon to me, I hear her tell me how many times She has watched the live long night at my bedside, & Nature stirs within me. — What can I do, my Mother, You know, as well as I do, what I owe to My Guardian; You & every one must see the propriety of the plans that he has layd for my future welfare, & there is now every probability of their succeeding, on the other hand — You can feel better than I can express. — One thing gives me some comfort — Several American families are here at present, many of whom from a State of extreme affluence ~~[illegible]~~, are obliged to retrench some of the very necessary articles of life; were my Mother here, her situation would in all probability be the same, & I feel at the bare idea of it, how My heart would be torn to pieces. —. I now feel more than ever the utility of the life We have led together, You & Mr Bonnet have left a certain stamp upon my mind, as well as upon my heart, & I shall love Study, as long as I love You both — that is to say, all my life. —

Changeons de Sujet — Lord North — has been seriously ill, owing to his paying no sort of attention to his diet; he is the strangest of Mortals, & not at the Cares of administration, or the cries of the op-

posite party, with all the abuse that has been heaped upon him, have had the least effect upon his temper; When people get up to pull him to pieces in the house of Commons, he immediately falls asleep; a friend at his elbow takes notes of their principal arguments, & jogs him when they are sit down, he gets up, carrys his eye over the notes, & answers. — His elocution is not agreeable, but he has something irresistably insinuating, & persuasive in His Manner — I shall tell You more of him very soon, for I intend going to his levee one day this Week. — Without this last Hessian affair, the American Work was over, General Howe had opened a correspondence with many individuals of Philadelphia, & would soon have been there, perhaps even without bloodshed — My Countrymen carry things so far, as to Confine even Women, who are suspected to favour the Royal party; the Preisident & Commander in Chief (formerly an Attorney) has frequently very ~~numerous~~ crouded levees, & numbers come to court his smiles, which He distributes With all becoming dignity — What a pretty figure I should cut there — My Brother in law was forced into the Service, & my Mother lives Constantly at Kinsington.

I ~~leave~~ live at an hotel for the Moment, but Shall soon get Chambers —

(by the last letter from Kiebel but one)

...stretch the hand of fraternal love to you across the extent of ...try that separates us. — My dearest Muller, the love of You is an essential part of my very being, & I could as soon quit the one as the other — ~~[illegible]~~ If there is a being whose eye pierces into the inmost recesses of our souls he alone can know how much I love You, & how much how ardently I desire from the very bottom of my heart that it may ever be in my power to remove every obstacle that stands between You, & the most supreme degree of happiness. — The only service we can render one another at present is to keep our friendship unsullied by any thing unworthy of it, & to act as if we each of us ~~were~~ [illegible] eyes of him we love best upon us. Be it Your care to do honour to our friendship, & the day will ~~[illegible]~~ come perhaps one time or another, when I shall be able to lay my hand upon Your immortal works, & to say with a smile of exultation — This Man ~~was~~ is my bosom friend. — Trust me, I will not be altogether idle on my side. Adieu, my Muller, I seldom, you know, give way to the affections of my ~~[illegible]~~ love, but when I do, the tears steal into my eyes, & I am obliged for a moment to lay down my pen.

After the 13th address Your letter under cover to W Boone ~~[illegible]~~

You may reckon upon hearing from me once a week — Adieu

Monsieur

Monsieur Muller

chez Monsieur Bonnet à Genthod

Geneve

King — his powers, changes made upon them — forms of Government

Lords — Aristocracy — origin of Ranks.

Commons — rise of their power — Magna charta, ship money — petition of Rights — Habeas corpus — Act of Settlement & declaration of Rights.

Parliament — different forms — Wittenagemot — present State.

Courts of Justice — modes of trial — ordeal combat — Juries.

Military — of whom composed — origin & number of Standing Armies.

Revenue — Subsidies — Loans — custom & excise — origin of Taxation.

Church — monks — influence of the clergy — state at different periods.

Crusades — pilgrimages — cause & effects of these.

Chivalry — origin & abolition — orders of Knights of Malta, Garter &c.

Indies — colonies, companies, charters — influence of their Discovery.

Commerce — its history, improvements & influence.

Slavery — its abolition in Europe — cause & effects of this.

Feudal Law — origin, effects & abolition.

Manners, Dress — coats of Arms, Livery &c:

Diversions — tilts, tournaments, dancing, comedies, cards, balls &c:

Inventions — printing, gunpowder, magnet, clocks, watches &c:

Money — changes made upon the coin, bills of exchange, Banks &c:

Progress of Law — respecting marriage, children, property, prescription, succession, testaments, crimes, punishments &c:

Law of Nations — ambassadors, hostages & Ballance of power &c:

Learning — its revival in Europe, origin of Colleges, influence &c

Conquest of Ireland & Union of the two Crowns — effects of these.

Curiosities — comets, witches, earthquakes, miracles, kings fools, ghosts, conspiracies, plots, fires, monsters, meteors, inundations &c: &c:

Population — numbers of inhabitants — causes of pop—

Agriculture — quantity of corn at diff^t periods — laws relating to it

Manufactures — introduction & influence

National Debt — why contracted — whether useful — what? funds — annuities — Stock &c.

London — Apr: 23 —

Thanks for your two letters, my dear Hutcheson, but let us lay aside all ex-
cuses for the future, I shall write to you once a week unless when some
unforeseen event prevents me, do you do the same — Another thing — do not
write quite so fast, for there are sometimes words in your letters that the devil
himself could not decipher. You may imagine how disagreeable it is [illegible]
used to see so small a part of your a letter as [illegible] I never had
more occasion for your letters than at this very time, for I have not been able
to begin studying the law yet, a young friend has deprived me of the
best part of my books for some time, & I find myself in that disagree-
able state of uncertainty which makes one feel [illegible]
than any other — To the pleasing tranquility I enjoyed [illegible]
has succeeded the noise of Coaches, the rumbling of Carts [illegible]
[illegible] accompanied by the [illegible] cries of people walking through the
streets, instead of the warbling of the Nightingale, [illegible]
[illegible] the fruit trees in our orchard, or above the old oak [illegible]
whose shade we have so often walked read & conversed — I have
reason in the World to be satisfied with My Guardian he conti-
nues to treat me with the same kindness, with the same familiar-
ity as before, but He does not sufficiently Conceive how difficult
[illegible] it is for any one to begin studying the Law [illegible]
[illegible] method laid down before them: We have [illegible]

proper Method, it is — to attend the Chambers of some special plea=
der, who has a great deal of practice, & there to initiate myself
into the nature of the common business of the Law, of which I
shall study the principles alone in my room — If I had a great
mass of laws before me, & Hume, & Rapin by my side, I could pass
many an interesting hour in observing the progress of Legisla
tion in different periods of our history, but I should get acquain
ted with the Statute Law only by these means, & should remain as
ignorant as before of the Common Law, which a Lawer is every mo
ment called upon to explain — in short studying the law is exactly
what I expected I should find it, & I can no more pretend to set out
without somebody to put me into a proper Method, than a Pilot
can cross the Atlantick without a Compass — However I must
do something till Lord North does better for me — I wish now
to [illegible] to you my hopes from that Quarter. — One of the first
Questions my Guardian asked me, when I saw him the day after
my arrival, was touching the line of life I would prefer, I im=
mediately answered Him, that I should desire something in the de=
partment of foreign affairs in preference to any thing else, not
but that I knew that a Man of Extraordinary abilities might succeed in Engl

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mind to a thousand Mortifi[illegible]
I, think it worth their while [illegible]
fairs, & I had better enter [illegible]
sing, if I have any degree [illegible]
[illegible] exist in my views [illegible]
fortune & interest of others. [illegible]
[illegible] had any [illegible] [illegible]
King to Lord North — [illegible]
attend the Minister's Levee, [illegible]
this step was to decide my [illegible]
Countrymen — I did not [illegible]
day to the [illegible] [illegible]
crowd of People, who come [illegible]
in a room with two doors, [illegible]
speak to such as have any [illegible]
[illegible] before [illegible] — [illegible]
nutes with this [illegible] [illegible]
studying the Law, [illegible] [illegible]
tage of [illegible] [illegible]

in despight of every thing, but that unless He was endowed with such

He might waste away his life to no purpose, & subject his peace of

mind to a thousand Mortifications — ~~[illegible]~~ few Englishmen, added

I, think it worth their while to know any thing of foreign Af=

fairs, & I had better enter into a field where I can not fail ri=

sing, if I have any degree of Merit, than expose myself to be con=

~~tinually~~ crost in my views in this country through the superior

fortune & interest of others. — He entered into my reasons, indeed,

he had my [illegible] before, & had intimated my Manner of thin=

king to Lord North — His Next question was whether I would choose to

attend the Minister's Levee, or no, — bidding me reflect a moment for

this step was to decide my manner of thinking in the Eyes of my

Countrymen — I did not hesitate a moment — & We went the next

day to ~~the [illegible]~~ A Levee is nothing else but an immense

crowd of People, who come to bleach upon the first Minister: it is

in a room with two doors, at one of which he stands in order to

speak to such as have any thing to say to him of the numbers that

file off before him — I had the honour of Conversing five mi=

nutes with this High priest of fortune; I told Him I intended

studying the Law, he Commended my resolution, & added that knowl=

edge of that kind would be useful to me in any line of life, —

some special plea
to initiate myself
the Law, of which I
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my side, I could pass
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the Law is exactly
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dge of that kind would be useful to me in any time of life; —

may be assured, says He ~~that~~ You are down upon My Lord Suffolk's list (S. S. has the department of foreign affairs in which I could wish to be employed) However should any opportunity occur of serving You in my own department, You May depend upon me". I made my bow & Marched off— fully persuaded never to think of his promises, but to be always prepared & in case he should should accomplish them, Which I make no sort of doubt but what He Will. — The thing I should like to begin with, & which, if fortune favours me in the least, I probably shall have, is the Residentship at Hamburgh Which Stanhope once had — You might Come & live with me, my Mullen for some time at least, & what books might we not read together How agreeably Our days would glide away upon the wings of ~~its~~ instruction! — Never be afraid of my marrying — if I ever do, it will be a Woman Who loves me well enough to love my friends on my account; but I see no probability at all. If ever We go live together at Hamburgh or any where else, We will take a house in the Country & endeavour to create another Genthod as ~~Hect~~ Helenus & Andromache did another Troy, but

narrowly escaped being tar'd & feathered: if these wretches are let
alone they will soon be Cutting one anothers throats — There
are, as I told You in my last, a great many families here whose
estates are confiscated; others are deprived of their income, as I
am, by the Cessation of Commerce; numbers of these poor peo-
ple have apply'd to the Minister, & some have had pensions
allowed them — My Merchant has engaged to Give me 400
for the ensuing Year, with economy I shall live very well
till something better falls in my way — I shall not have

the 30th I advanced Mr Sparrow for some days, the Banker had 111
sent the letter de Change to Paris, it did not arrive till after
my departure, & I am now waiting till it Comes back again.
You will have your Money in about a Months time — Send
the books that remain by Dejean — send My Watch also by
him — Now do oblige me so far as not to be as dilatory as you
were with the first parcel of books; You can not imagine
how much I want them at present — Address your letters
to Mr Boone as usual — Adieu — I have delivered Mad:
Bonnet's picture, with some regret I confess, to her Brother, who
... kist it almost as much as he would have done the Original

Who will supply the place of Mr & Mrs B? I am [illegible]
with their goodness; they are of the few who can [illegible]
shackles of interest, which weigh down the Minds of [illegible]
I shall write to Mad: B this Week —. People talk no more [illegible]
American War than if there was no such thing, excepting [illegible]
who suffer by it. — A poor Man arrived in England the other day who had [illegible]
to effectuate his Escape from Charlestown where he had been
imprisoned four months with many others for not consenting
to sign take the oath of obedience to the present Government;
He was [illegible] writing to a friend of his who is known to [illegible]
certain [illegible] principles, & makes no doubt but that he [illegible]
have been put to death had he not fortunately got off. — [illegible]
Mother is very well & lives intirely in the Country, my Bro[ther]
in law with ~~another~~ a Brother of ~~Husband's~~ retired in [illegible]
quiet; which I am not a little glad of —. Both the C[illegible]
linians & Georgians show themselves deprived of every degree of [illegible]
[illegible] by their cruel treatment of those, who are not of the Co[illegible]
mon opinion; They were very near falling out however [illegible]
for the former having sent deputies to the latter [illegible]
[illegible]

Monsieur

Monsieur Le Professeur Muller

Chez Monsieur Bonnet de Genthod

Genève

Par Paris

with Me – & We Will Study together — If I do not perform my promise – I devote myself to the Furies — but my own interest is too much concerned, to put me in any danger of being tormented by that lovely band of kind hearted Sisters — All that You have to do at Present is to finish Your History, for I will never receive you Without You bring it in Your pocket ~~With you~~, but I would advise You to publish one volume immediately, ~~Since~~ I am afraid of Your ~~dis~~Continuing afterwards, but perhaps the good reception You Will probably receive Will encourage you to Go on — so upon second thoughts I advise you to publish the ~~whole~~ ~~&~~ by all means to Dedicate it to [illegible]: All Worthy I repeat – by All Means — Give my love to Boustiton &

with thee — a litle while study together —— If I do not perform my
promise — I devote myself to the Furies —— but my own interest
is too much concerned, to put me in any danger of being tormented
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you to go on — so upon second thoughts I advise you to publish the 1st
volume & by all means to dedicate it to [illegible]: W Allworthy
I repeat — by all Means —— Give my love to Boutetton &

& to Mr Clerson — tell the latter, that I have not refrained writing to him from want of inclination, or through Laziness, but that I was desirous of Conversing with Lord Lunely(?) — I have seen his Lordship, but once, & then for a moment only — I shall see him soon, & Mr Clerson will hear from me before long —

Adieu, My [illegible] fair Historian, pray to the Gods for success to thy friend — Mr & Mrs Boone love you very much —

When you write to him — bridle in thy desire of speaking well of thy friend ([illegible] tongue [illegible] for you & to [illegible]) otherwise he may begin to suspect that I desire you to do so.

I am sorry Mr B had ever any reason to be dissatisfied with the [illegible] I was not spotted the last time — tell me how he received my letter

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[illegible] Adieu — My Guardian is gone out of town — where I shall see him every now & then

undertake, but that I might be certain of not stopping them

I told him that the summit of my ambition for the present was to get placed in some respectable situation such a manner as to be able to Manifest my Zeal for the Kings Service, & that I hoped I should then have some opportunities of showing whether I was worthy of any farther preferment or not — I then took leave, after having received a very polite invitation to his House in the Country

I think I need not flatter myself very much in order to entertain some hopes of success, If I do get a Residency, I apply myself to the Duties of my profession, I will get all Pictures of the best negociators that have ever lived, I will endeavour to graft their knowlege & experience upon my own slender stock, &, what will still be a better thing, I will invite the Learned Mutter to come & waste the midnight oil with Me — Perhaps, my friend, we may find another place to spend the Summer Months in — There Would then be but little more necessary in order to complete our happiness, but I have hopes of finding another Allworthy & his [illegible] —

I do promise thee by the river Acheron, & by Styx itself, that if I can get any thing abroad, you shall come & live with me

[illegible]

ANGLETERRE

Monsieur

Monsieur Muller

By Paris / chez Monsieur Bonnet de Genthod

à Geneve

You must always acknowledge the receipt of my letters
Tell me how far an open alliance with France — Russia
the rapidity it did not take place, how then far a Junction
... your mutual ... of Geneva to ... — adieu

May — 1777

Since your letter from Bonstetten's garden I have not had a word from my blue eyed historian; What can have been the reason of your not writing to Me? — For my part I have been living the life I described to You in my last, which is by no means the one I prefer, it has not been in my power to read half as much as I could wish, however I am pretty far advanced in Sr. Wm. Temple — There is an honesty, a frankness in all his proceedings, which I would endeavour to imitate were my ambitious projects to take place — but I must confess to you to the sorrow of my soul that my hopes begin to fail me, I have a mortal antipathy to paying my court to Ministers, & many is the time that I set me down, & wish for Chambesi again — in short, if I see no prospect of succeeding very soon, I am resolved upon one thing, I will take a house in some province in France, where You shall come & study with me, for I ~~would~~ will not live in expectation six months longer. You, who are more sanguine than I am, will easily comprehend how difficult it is to apply ~~myself~~ myself to

to any thing, when the Mind is charged with any great pro=
ject — Excuse the expressions of my last, mon doux Ami, & do
justice to the effervescence of my friendship — Should H—
make You any serious proposition I would advise You
to close with it, that is, when You shall have finished
Your history; Living at Paris for some time would be
useful to You in many respects, I could introduce You to
Mon: de Villoison, who would find You acquaintance
enough — But I repeat it again, & again, my dear Mit-
ford, stir not from Gentford, till Your history be finished,
it will be a passport for You wherever You may go,
& such a passport is necessary to a man, who is not
distinguished for his birth, or his fortune, & who could
sooner unravel the genealogy of Tamerlane, than dis=
course five minutes upon the weather or any of the top=
icks of polite Conversation — For my part, though I
give Myself an air as if I studied the law, which furnish
es an answer to all those who enquire who I am, yet Will

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the ~~s~~ sentiment of the little consequence I am of in the world ~~will~~ drive me to a retired life, if I do not succeed, & that very soon.— Milord C. Would be glad to bring You to England, & Judge whether I should be glad to see You— but if I act the part that alone becomes me, that of Your friend, & Brother I ~~would~~ must repeat in this case all that I said with regard to Paris — however — God Knows I am far from pretending to be infallible, ... thing I can say, is to advise you to ask so... 's opinion, to ask Vorthi, & lastly of all to consult your own feelings; Whatever You determine upon after it, that will be agreeable to Me— has L C. propos'd to You?— I must not write any more at present for I want to enclose You Hume's life in this letter— The thing speaks for itself— You, will I am sure be not at all sorry to pay the Postage of it— Adieu, my full Moon, my next letter shall not be so great piece of preciosité as this has been— do not come should happen to bring ...

account of what I owe you — I have told you I believe, that my Merchant had promised to supply me with £400 for the ensuing year — how happily could we live upon this sum in some village in France! When Hume thought himself independent he had but £50 a year

Monsieur
Monsieur Mallet
chez Monsieur Pictet de Genthod
Geneve

Though I disfigured Hume in the Most unmerciful manner, in order to make him go into this letter, yet was he still too bulkey, so that you must consent to pay for a separate parcel which I desire you would charge to me when you send me the

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I never before this moment was glad of your writing that letter to Vattoville, & the reason of my being so now, is, that I am confident, that – that & no other reason prevented your going into Berne. I writ to you a few days ago, & to Madame Bonnet at the same time, which you will tell her, in case the letters should miscarry, as I was imprudent enough to intrust them to a very heedless fellow of my acquaintance, who lives near the Post office. My letter to you contained nothing very important, I told you in it among other things that I had begun reading a stupid book, which I believe I shall never look into again — My present hopes are so flattering, that I have read nothing for some time but Sr Will: Temple – & Hugues, I compare their accounts of the same transactions together, & make each a thousand times more interesting by the help of the other. — I see the effect of my absence, you are growing more & more imprudent every day, & though I am charmed that you should pick your back out of your little cage, & sing to me, yet I blame you for undertaking such a wild goose chase, without once beforehand knowing for certain where Bonstetten was —

Than mine to Yours, Dick, were it not for fear of increasing Your natural stock of vanity, I would say was charming, & that it diverted me exceedingly, I was to take a grave serious mien, & begin talking You to task for that perpetual running about of Yours; if I was to represent to You the indignation of those great souls who distinguished themselves at Morgarten, & in the other unpronounceable battles of Your ancestors, at Your suffering their heroick deeds to be buried in obscurity, whilst You are eating Paté with an ear nosé & a pencil; if — in short if I was to say all thou deservedst, You would have no room to wonder at it, did You know how jaded to death I am at this moment, & how happy I should be to find an object to vent my bile upon —

I went to the Pantheon Masquerade last night, & did not rouse the great Magnimae from his slumbers in my fauteuil till past five this morning. — I never in my life saw such a scene before, the building in itself was magnificent, but the profusion of looking glasses, & the happy disposition of lamps of every imaginable colour gave it the air of an enchanted Palace — add to this an assemblage of Turks, Indi-

ans, Spaniards, G[illegible]
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-ans, Spaniards, Gypsies, ^Warriors Witches, Devils, Milkmaids, Shepherds ^Captive Princesses &
Chimney-sweepers, all mixt pell mell together, some singing, some
dancing, some disputing, & some making love — I was ac-
costed by a Witch, who, upon examining the lines of my hand, told
me whence I came, & in a manner who I was; this surprised me
very much, but I was still more astonished when upon ^her introdu-
cing me to a Persian Princess, & A French Marquis, they both
called me by my name: I soon found out the Marquis to be
a lady, whom I made love to for two or three hours together,
without having the remotest idea of who I was speaking to.
I was so fond of my My Marquis, that I would not quit her
any more & we danced together in ~~company~~ such a set as one
would never have ~~[illegible]~~ thought to find in the same place —
There was the Great Turk footing it away with a Friar,
a Flower girl & the Devil — in short the Whole was grotesque
beyond every thing — It is astonishing how easy the tongue
is the Moment ~~[illegible]~~ one has a Mask upon one's face —
Just before We went I prevailed upon My Marquis to unmask, & very

=ceived a Young [Lady,] whome I had never ~~seen~~ Spoken to but once
or twice, & who Would have thought herself a lost Woman if
I had Come Within half a Yard of the extremity of her hoop
at any other place; If I kist her hand once, I kist it a thou=
sand times, & I ~~Was~~ [had been] tender enough to Melt a heart of stone;
however no sooner did She unmask, than I began to observe
that the building was very magnificent, that a Masquerade
was a very agreeable thing, in short, I began to be as insipid
as if One is constrained to be vis à vis An English Lady
who is not an old acquaintance —— The Witch I at length
discovered to be the Wife of Mr C: Boone, a ~~Woman~~
whom I am well acquainted With, but Whom I would not
have held the same conversation to at any other place upon
any Consideration. I have written to here with my din=
ner before me, ~~as I had~~ [for] ~~eating~~ no stomach, I have amused Myself
in writing ~~it~~ instead of Eating, to the no small astonish=
ment of Magnince & Wit. — As I stay at home this Evening
Tis probable that I shall write another sheet — (To La Jersine)

Your female Mer=
=cury!

to to Your ever going to Paris, at least for ten Years to come,
I declare positively against ~~it~~ it; I would no more trust You
there alone, than I ~~would~~ would throw a man into a deep
water, Who could not swim a stroke — It may anger You, but
I should be a traitor, If I did not say so, You are of all persons,
I ever knew, the least capable of conducting Yourself, when there
is any sort of temptation either to the right or left to draw
You out of the right road: With the Temparament You have,
You should have been a bigot, for there are now no principles
or reasons, that can take hold of You in such a manner, as to
prevent Your doing any thing Which is productive of sensual gratifica-
tion. — Of all other Men You have a heart most exquisite-
ly tuned to friendship, but You are not sufficiently inclined
to Menager those Who are not Your friends, I mean You don't
sufficiently regard What they may say of You — Perhaps
I may be Mistaken, but I declare to God, that I speak the
sentiments of my heart to You, and that it would give me as
much uneasiness to know You alone at Paris, as the having
You with me at Hambourg or any other Residency would give
me pleasure —

The Kings Residents abroad undoubtally keep Secretaries, for my part if ever I succeed, I shall never keep one, but will give You the usual Salary; for my ambition is to render You independent of myself— You might live with me upon the footing of a friend, & of consequence be received Where= ever I was.— How I sigh after the realization of my plan, how I long to be passing my Mornings with Montesquieu & Tacitus, with Muller for my guide in the intricate by-ways of history, & Politicks! — May we be as happy as we were in Chambeisie, when all our prospect was one endless expanse of snow, when all our Musick was the Bise, & all our resources concenter'd in ourselves.—— I should dislike the living in England for any considerable time, for I ~~[illegible]~~ am by any means pleased with the society of the Great World in this Country— the Women are cold to all ~~those~~ but such as have been formally intro= duced to them, & If I said half as much to any Young Lady as I have said to Numbers in other Countries, ~~their~~ the Father would immediately ask me whether my intentions were honour= able, & What My Estate Amounted to.—— The Men too affect

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lous figures when they mean to be Francisés, as Mon: Fran=
cillon or any other of Your Bulkey Bretheren would in en-
deavouring to cut capers (entrechats) — 'Tis true, I have
not been a great deal in the World, so that my opinion must
lose some part of its Credit —— I long to know what
You think of my idea of our living together, in case I should
succeed, which is more than probable, & whether You
do not feel Yourself encouraged to finish Your [illegible]
tory —— what a passport it would be for You when
You went —— I shall imitate the ~~[struck]~~ silence of Every
one else with respect to American Affairs, the short & the
long of the Matter is, that no one knows any thing about
them — Tell B— I love him sincerely & baisez les mains
à Madame de ma part —— I never gave you a more agreeable
commission, if She will let You execute it. —— My Love
to the inhabitants of [illegible] for L—, tell him he may hang himself.
Acknowledge my letters when You write — I shall do the Same
Adieu – mater Cher

ANGLETERRE

Monsieur

Monsieur L'Ex Professeur Mullen

chés Monsieur Bonnet de Genthod

Genève

By Paris

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May — 16th — 1777 — — write to me — 120/121

You will have received by this, my dear Muller, the life ~~written~~ of Hume, which I sent You last night by the post; I am afraid that You will ~~p~~ have to pay for it a great deal more than for an ordinary letter, but I am not the less persuaded that You will thank me for sending it. — I never read any thing that gave me more pleasure; You see a great man meeting death with a serenity, which is far superior to the little pride of the Stoicks, who would wish to persuade us that they despise it — Show me a Christian, who ever faced dissolution with so much philosophy, or at least with more — the easy unaffec[illegible] too in which he brings You acquainted with his private character, the detail of his first litterary success, his struggling for independence, & yet never paying court to any minister; in short never book of that size gave me half so many satisfaction, & I can not help comparing this Great Man to the setting sun, which shines forth with redoubled splendour the very moment before it sinks behind the mountains —

In proportion as my hopes sink, or rise, my law books, & my political ones succeed each other; I have red a great deal of Sr. W. Temple, [illegible] find no other fault with his letters but his affected way of ending them

De Wit told Temple in confidence, that however attached he was to the government of which he was born a ~~munk~~ subject, yet he never would have gone the lengths ~~they~~ his Ancestors did against the King of Spain, had he lived in 1579. — I told this to a violent American the other day, who feelingly said, that he now rejoiced as much that De Wit had been torn to pieces, as he used formerly to be sorry. — I am indignant, & can not help execrating the counsels of Charles 2, every time I read of the conjunction with France in order to the ~~destruction~~ destruction of the republick of Holland, after England's having first put them at variance. — I have just begun a book which I like tolerably well; it is called Sullivans lectures upon the laws & constitution of England, & is in the nature of Blackstone, but considerably shorter. — There is a preliminary discourse, in which the author endeavours to prove, that what we now call the commons, had a part in the constitution by means of their representatives even in the Saxon times. — True it is, that besides the Prelates & Aldermen, who composed the parliament, mention is also made of the Wites, or sapientes, but there is no determining who they were — Some say they were ~~men~~ learned in the law, who assisted the assembly by with

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their own opinions, others that they were the representatives of boroughs;
which is the popular ~~opinion~~ idea; but when one considers the
number of slaves ~~that~~ existed, which must have included a con
siderable portion of the commonalty, & the universal contempt
that all tradesmen, who probably were the principal inhabitants of cities
laboured under, one is rather inclined to the first opinion. —
I have not crossed the threshold of my door to day; indeed I lead a much
more retired life, than one generally does in the middle of such
a city as this, for my Guardian is out of town, & my circumstan
ces will not permit my renewing my acquaintance with many,
who, I have reason to think, would not be at all sorry were I
to call upon them. I have received three very kind letters from
Mr North, who will very soon be in town — He does not ap=
pear the least changed with regard to me, & I shall, I make no
doubt, having many opportunities of seeing the high Priest, as
soon as he arrives. — I am not, as you may imagine, very happy
but am however negatively so, add to this my turn of mind which
always carrys me to behold things in their best light. I pass two
or three days in the week with Mr B & have reason to love him as
much as better. He thinks that Fortune has somewhat spoilt me ...

that my activity in pushing my own fortune does not answer to my ambition; nor can I bring him to conceive, how difficult it is for one, Who has been long accustomed to please himself in the acquisition of general knowlege, to set down alone, & unaspited to the study of the law, & that I may like very well to trace the progress of the English ~~law~~ constitution in the Statutes of successive Parliaments & yet dislike the idea of jumping headlong into the boundless ocean of the Lex non Scripta —— However come what will, whether I am destined to Play any Part upon the stage of the World, or whether I am even now upon the brink of sinking into obscurity forever, in all cases —— My heart will remain faithful to my Mullen & never shall time or accidents be able to extinguish the pure flame Which we have lighted up together at the altar of friendship —————— Stir not from Gentkod, as you love me, till your history be finished, you may then delay the publishing of it a while if you think fit, but Stir not ——— I know the desire you have of travelling & feel how natural it is, but let me beg you, as your friend & brother to Wait with patience, till you have made yourself some sort of name in the World ——

a proposition I think it is not likely he will pay the least attention to — I con=
ceive that you must find my epistles rather dull, mais Je ne sauroi
faire. — Horace Walpole has spoken with great pleasure praise of
your letter to an acquaintance of mine, & told him he expected he should
hear from You again. — I shall see Mr Boone tomorrow, & will speak to
him of B's Cousin: our friend is I hope assured, that there is nothing I would
not wish

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to do for his service — Jenny, he I mean Tadamie, his happiness with his wife, & desire he would let me know if ever his eyes discern such another woman but that they will not —— My Merchant has agreed to supply me with £400 for one year, after that I am to live by my wits. — ~~As~~ Tho I know as little as you do what is to become of me, all I know, is that I am determined not to live long in expectation — Adieu thou better half of myself — I think of you everyday — I am satisfied with Mag: Wil is not well — Adieu Dearly

[illegible] what good fortune may happen to me in the mean [illegible] — be assured that if I begin any thing abroad, life would [be] a weight to me, without you. Indeed, Muller, I never neither pro[mised] to you, or even told you, how much I love my friend; be convinced that if I look forward with pleasure, to a period in my life, in which I may be independent, the greater part of my satisfaction arises from the idea of rendering you so also — I shall not be in a hurry to marry — Mon americaine, as you are pleased to style the Lady I saw at Florence, n'est point de touch[ée] mon fait — [illegible] tiras tendit", now whenever I marry, it wi[ll] be some Woman who thinks She could not possibly have done better — besides I know a poor man who is desperately in love with the Lady in question — I know you like something licentious, & my conscience tells me I should regale thee of[f]ter all the Platitudes I have scribbling — Well then — I made acquaintance the other night with the most beautiful creature my eyes ever beheld, it was at the Play, I handed her out, & did not return to my lodgings till eight the next morning — [this] is one of the most capital faux pas I ever committed — [th]ink not that my beauty is a common prostitute or that I intend seeing her very often — (My love to [illegible]) She is what [illegible] calls [illegible]

... prudent enough not to think of closing with the [illegible] proposal, as it is of the utmost importance for you to continue your history now you are on terms — I would have you dedicate it to Mr ~~Allen~~ Alworthy — ~~[illegible]~~ —
There is great reason to believe that overtures have been made to Howe by the Congress, who solicit the government's buying up the Paper Money and thereby making it good !

Angleterre
Monsieur
Monsieur Muller
Chez Monsieur Bonnet de Genthod
Geneve

Though this letter has been ~~written~~ locked up some days, yet I determined to keep it by me ~~some days~~ a little as I had written to you so lately; this is very lucky as I can now acknowledge yours of 2/3 — God knows how many times I have written to you since I have been in England; the fact is, that I have sent many more letters than I have received at least two to one — I am surprised to find that you

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I am sitten down with the intention of not stirring from my chair before I have finished a long letter to My historian, & I will so glut thee with details of myself that You shall be sick again. — Though M B had never neglected any opportunity of pushing my fortune with the high priest, yet like a good pilot he was unwilling to embark without fixing upon some port, Where we might fly for shelter in case of contrary Winds — As soon as as I had paid my respects, I took chambers in Cary street Lincoln's Inn, where I thought I should be out of the way of all loungers, where I should see none scarce but the dignitaries of the law in sable gowns, starched bands, & bushy wigs roll under my window in their Carriages, & where I was sure that any of my real friends would take the trouble to come & see me: desirous of occupying myself, & of satisfying My Guardian, Who ardently Wished Me to study the law for the present at least I sat about it in good ear=nest; but soon found myself like Satan in Milton upon the borders of a Chaos, Nor had I strength enough like him to —

"Spring upward like a pyramid of fire
Into the Wild expanse, & through the shock
Of fighting Elements, on all sides round
Environ'd, Win my Way"

To study in Tacitus the ~~Con~~ governments of the first Germans, to follow ~~them into~~ ~~France~~ Franks into Gaule & the Saxons into England & examine the Moral, & Physical causes in each Country, Which tended to the abolition, or preservation of the original constitution, all this as connected With history, would

be a pleasing object of enquiry — but to enter into all the detail of the feudal law as modifyed by our barbarous Ancestors, to Pore for three Years to come into all the stupid miserable writings of such as have as have thrown our laws into the utmost confusion, by pretending to explain them; to lead a life of continual care, living, by What the use of Your lungs is purchased for; to cut Yourself off from the pleasant walks of Society in order to confine oneself to the rough stony footpath that leads to preferment — is what I never could consent to — & even supposing that I should succeed in the Law, & become Lord Chancellor; that could only happen at an age, when I should think of retiring from the busy scenes of the World, & of preparing myself to explore those unknown regions, where I shall Meet With thee Wandering about in some shape or another, & where I shall immediately recognize my old friend, if as Mr Y— said there is any probability of your keeping your sweet German accent. In short (As I might have told You without all this preamble) I have given up all thoughts of the Law, & What is more have ~~been~~ Mr B says ~~tomorrow~~ that as a judge of my own happiness, he never will look ~~cool~~ upon me for any step that, upon due reflection, I may take in order to promote it. — My plan is then this — to Close with the offer of the Man of Croxie, for he of all others may be most useful to me in the Parliamentary way, & if nothing happens between now & before this, & friend Muller in so be overblown, or the which he asserts fire shall ~~think~~ not take away a all I have to hope the least doubt, on tomorrow, Where able to apply aga As to my present sit in, is furnished my books, even wi which I never expe the faithful Mag his English gramma complains of my le full Moon; with of the Lake fires be dozen chairs which & myself. — There

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pens ~~or~~ ^between before this, & next Winter, to go abroad again, & live with my friend Muller in some retired spot, till the American storm shall be overblown, or the high priest have done something for me, which he asserts his being always prepared for, whenever I ~~shall~~ fine shall ~~think proper~~ give him an opportunity. — He can not take away a place from any one in order to give it to Me; all I have to hope for is a vacancy. — I do not ~~doubt~~ in the least doubt, nor does Mr Boone, but what I could get a pensi on tomorrow, where I to ask for one, but then I should scarce be able to apply again in case of any thing's occurring. ——

As to my present situation, I am very well lodged; The room I set in, is furnished with a bookcase (^one large enough to contain all my books, even with addition of those Chirol took charge of & which I never expect to hear of) with a fauteuil where slumbers the faithful Maguinac of a night, whilst he expects me, with his English grammar at his side; with a little round table, which complains of my leaning upon it so often in order to write to my full Moon; with a looking glass, where the Olive Coloured Historian of the Lake fixes his sooty eyes de tems en tems, — & with half a dozen chairs which are at the discretion of the Beast of Genthod, & myself. — I have besides a little dressing room, a bed chamber — Maguinac snores above stairs. — Of a friday or Saturday I go & see Mr Boone

He lives about seven or eight miles out of town, happy in the best of Wives, who has every reason to be attached to him, in three pretty children, two of whom (girls) are now at home with him, & in a pretty retired Country house which he has ~~made~~ rendered as agreeable ~~as~~ to the eye, as the inhabitants are to the hearts of those who know them.

I must give you some further idea of M B. – though you are already very well acquainted with him. — He has been a very handsome man & has ~~one~~ something exceedingly pleasing in his air & manners; as he began to bestir himself very young in the World, he has intirely confined himself to the acquisition of that sort of Knowledge which enables a Man to live in it, without however being at all prejudiced against those branches, which can not be cultivated but in retirement. He is perfectly well acquainted with Mankind, but rather inclined to laugh, than to rail at their follies — He has what they call in French un Esprit d' Ordre (I am far from meaning un Esprit de Detail) & One had need enter but his house or his garden to be convinced of it – Every thing is its place, & an air of neatness, & cleanliness meets the eye on every side — He has always lived ~~ab~~ below his income, but in such a manner as none but his friends know it — He is accused by some of being haughty, true it is that no one knew better how to keep up his dignity while he was in America; in Company he is Cheerful & his Conversation very agreeable – to

[illegible] my spirits, [illegible] a man of [illegible]

heart [illegible] of the genial warmth of friendship, [illegible]

I have discovered [illegible] of his condemning [illegible]

people, whose misfortunes had such a [illegible], that one is astonished at

his having found them out. — In these cases, his acts always more

from reason, than an involuntary impulse, & those who address them-

selves to his imagination, & to his heart, without convincing his un-

derstanding, [illegible] often succeed with him. ———

I have got Lord Clarendon's history of the rebellion, which I pro-

mise myself the greatest pleasure in — notwithstanding the [illegible]

[illegible] of [illegible] documents — I believe that of the books, I shou[ld]

have been obliged to read in the course of my studying the law, i[illegible]

[illegible] still [illegible] & what [illegible] of [illegible]

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[illegible]

[illegible] — C'est bien [illegible]

de moi à — Je m'élève à la Raison Eternelle, J'étudie ses lois, & je l'ad[ore]

[illegible] Dr Dodd — has been condemned to death — His consummate h[illegible]

hypocrisy prevents me from pitying him, he alledged the following [illegible]

[illegible]ity of his former life, when every one knows that he kept two or th[ree]

[illegible] the following compliment to the Christian Religion — [illegible]

was not so conversant in the the Writings of the Heathen Philosophers,
as to be afraid of dying [illegible] lately [illegible] the blood of
God Christ have convinced, that that Religion which can make us
look upon death with indifference, is more capable of producing [illegible]
than than any other, for I am of Omar's opinion, " [illegible] que te [illegible]
quid mea [illegible] " — I am happy beyond measure at
the thought that perhaps even at this moment does the Press groan
with the fruit of your midnight hours. — Company [illegible] friends [illegible]
you are [illegible] tired with contemplating the Civil [illegible] of France &
England, we shall turn them with pleasure upon the [illegible]
Methinks I behold, [illegible] which was long [illegible] the fair
tions of France, Italy & Spain, & which seems to have abandoned [illegible]
[illegible] with [illegible] of the [illegible] the [illegible]
of the Roman Empire, [illegible] her head upon the craggy tops
of your native Mountains, in taking shelter in those [illegible] vallies,
where She animates the Song of the Shepherd, makes him smile upon
his Crust of bread, & strings his nerves for the day of battle. —
Your first Volume will I make no doubt [illegible] two or three little [illegible]
& binding — [illegible] qui [illegible] Artes
Texere [illegible] positas. ———
As to the dedication — it should be to Mr [illegible] You might confine
it to the title page [illegible] of [illegible] hand in

down to Posterity —
might
Ben — You may [illegible]
[illegible] taller than [illegible]
ly, I should not [illegible]
friend, Nor would [illegible]
name glide into th[illegible]
You must not [illegible]
an opportunity of [illegible]
makes You a [illegible]

[illegible] — [illegible] the [illegible]
Bart[illegible] only
[illegible]
give two [illegible]
[illegible] his
Commons — the defeat
spoke with [illegible]
little like a school[illegible]
I do not believe [illegible]
was undoubtedly [illegible]
a most precise [illegible]
which they are [illegible]
are in [illegible] of the [illegible]
[illegible] of [illegible] is [illegible]

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down to Posterity — I demand no more than our friend did for Mr Ben — You might indeed add a very many Words more and I am inches taller than him — but this would be exacting too much. Seriously, I should not be at all sorry that the World knew I was your friend, nor would Ben — I am sure — Could you not make our names glide into that Part where you speak of Yourself? ——

You must rest satisfied with the Putain B gave You, till I find an opportunity of sending You an Apollo which Mr Bowen makes You a present of. —. Send my Watch as soon as you can — & tell me the Price beforehand — Of all my numerous f[riends at] Bart[on there is] only one T[illegible], North is at Oxford, but he has wr[itten] me two very kind letters, Villiers is at Cambridge, & [illegible] his Head with his regiment — I was Yesterday at the house of Commons — the debate was concerning the tax upon servants, Lord [illegible] spoke with a great deal of Wit, & much Plausibility, Burke speaks a little like a schoolmaster, & mentioned at least four Words that I do not believe are to be found in any dictionary — he is [illegible] [illegible] undoubtedly an eloquent Man — but Fox is the Closest & most precise reasoner — & gets up every now & then to tell People what they are disputing about. — No News from America — [every] one is tired of the Subject. — Tell M^r & Mrs Bonnet how Warm my [remem]brance of them is, & how Much I love them — Adieu — [illegible]

To talk satisfy Mad B- about Tourton - another time: Treat with your Apollo — Mr B- loves you very much & has taught Madame to do the same —

Monsieur

Monsieur Mallet

Chez Monsieur Bonnet de Genthod

Geneve

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part of the 5th/6th – consulted me with Mr [illegible], as he is very much your f[riend]
I read him the first pages – He concurred with me in thinking that
you should accompanie yourself at [illegible] & not permit any any thing
to make you lose your [illegible]. This did not come directly from the Mas-
ter or Mistress – but that case there would be no hesitation as to the pr-
oper step to be taken; you might go to Valence, B— would supply you
with a little money for the present till you could hear from me, a
half of what I have, nay more if half is not enough, is at your service.
I hope however that you will never find yourself reduced to so disagree-
able expedient. I dread (speaking) of the shock your own private happiness would
receive [illegible] to your other self. I should be exceedingly hurt & then
[illegible] the [illegible], and what [illegible] become of your peace
[illegible], my [illegible] for sweetening the cup of life an[d]
[illegible]; but then I would not hang down my head, & declare
[illegible] with a few bitter drops – Come my friend,
throw your azure coloured eyes on all sides & tell me is there one creature in
your views that is perfectly satisfied, & who has not something
to cross him every day of his life? – Do you think I am happy at
this moment, & that I would be rather having the [illegible]
[illegible] old oaks than living alone in daily expectation of [illegible]

which perhaps it is my fate never to know. I recognise my friend
in the [illegible] in which you took that [illegible] of me, but
I recognise Mother also, & I think blame the, or rather thy nature,
[illegible] for being so hasty — Do you think I would be angry with
any one, who told me that you understood nothing about loving,
or of the effect it may have upon the mind? I have [illegible]
[illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
the — Make yourself easy then, at least till my fate is settled, &
the [illegible] of commanding acquiescence from me [illegible] you would then,
[illegible] they are in a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
more for being destined for you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of time, of the
[illegible], & of the accidents [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible], my Mother, & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] my being [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] to [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible]; no, my friend,
we [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] life [illegible]
[illegible] even at the distance that now separates us, & then I look
forward into futurity, [illegible] [illegible] of happiness to come, You are
[illegible] present in my thoughts. I wish to God I [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] of life [illegible] as [illegible] [illegible] I
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] communication

thing to you, which
me, for so I still [illegible]
for him. Her mother
ble of loving for [illegible]
with his choice; for
it [illegible] [illegible] questi[on]
young, so that were
five or six years;
[illegible] [illegible] to any
[illegible] — [illegible]
[illegible] been rather [illegible]
[illegible], & can
of [illegible] any thing
[illegible] of paper, as [illegible]
the precaution, for
for him, & he is [illegible]
[illegible] going to see [illegible]
a very little time, [illegible]
whom I already [illegible]
good night, for I [illegible]

thing to you, which of all others demands most secrecy — My Ju[illegible]
as, for so I still call him, has a daughter, whom I love exceedingly
for him & her mothers sake, & whom I feel I could be very capa-
ble of loving for her own — If ever I marry any Woman, this
will be my choice; for as to the Americaine I saw at Florence, it
is an out of question: — The lady demoiselle in question is very
young, so that were my plan ever to take place, it could not be for
five or six years, but above all things open not your lips upon
this Matter to any living Creature — I look upon him as
yourself — Give my love to him. — From [illegible] I
have been rather unstable since my arrival, I am however
[illegible], & can I think ensure Roses to my posterity —
if you say any thing about my idea, put it upon a different
piece of Paper, as to all other things, you have no need to take
this precaution, for I like to shew Mr B, what I have [illegible]
for him & he is particularly enchanted with your letters. — I [illegible]
think going to see my Brother at Hamburg, & will take [illegible]
up very little time, & I want to become better acquainted with [illegible]
whom I already love so much. — at present I must wish you
good night, for I am just returned from the Country [illegible]

God's sake desire Christ to write to his Correspondent at the
Indies about my books, as yet I have had no tidings of them.
1st 77-
This Morning I have been running about, first to Westminster Hall,
where I saw a number of people listening to the decision of a trifling
uninteresting cause, & then about some business; upon returning home
I sat me down to my little round table, & was boiling with indignati-
on at Sir John Hotham for not surrendering Hull to Charles 1st Then
in came L. Lumley & his Brother — Who are the same kind of Men
You remember them — The first has strong parts, & an active mind,
but He has weak health, & is apt to be Confused in his expression
The Other is lively & goodnatured, but if you give him a crown, then
& not Minerva will grace his temples with it. — They were
scarce gone, when in came Nassau l'Ainé, Who has been but
three days returned from America, You may imagine how I
devoured him with questions. — A Camp life has done him
good & hardened his Constitution. — They were well supplied when
left New York, & had numbers of Prisoners, whom the Congress
had taken no care to ~~supply~~ furnish with Clothes, in Consequence of which
they were almost Naked — I should tell however that he left
~~[illegible]~~ New York in December, & has spent some months in the
West Indies since — My Situation is so undecided that I have scarce

[illegible] in the first place the letters, but American ones, are opened, & then [illegible] to consider that I am in the Land of Liberty, a whole page [illegible] me to find out half as many defects in the Conduct of our [illegible] of a Bonapartist as are every day preached to the King, be [illegible] even the risk of imprisonment or banishment at least — There is another thing you do not seem to be aware of, the [illegible] of London. There is little out of the World for [every]body is out of Town. — Lincoln's Inn is out of mine & I am obliged to dine in hall so many times each term — [illegible] — is about [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] and Jon Chesterfield, but do speak to Christ about my body
let Mr Inward his Chesterfield's name, & I will write to him from
here. — This is the time the Meditation for once to conscille the [illegible]
[illegible] as to Gentlehood; stay there at least till you have [illegible]
your [illegible] if ever you go away, which I hope [illegible] and you will
think of, to [illegible] let the season of [illegible] one year the [illegible]
[illegible] — You should remember me to every body that you think
wish to [illegible] & I never forget — & every thing that
[illegible] marks the sincerest gratitude to [illegible] / [illegible] — my [illegible]
[illegible] may it be thy [illegible] to shine brighter than [illegible]
[illegible] in the [illegible]

[illegible] I consider [illegible] my mind has, [illegible]
[illegible] to return to
America; there I should be [illegible] retired in some
distant Village where never carriage wheel or [illegible] shook its way
with [illegible] by my side — [illegible] for the consideration of
what Power to [illegible] for the [illegible] that such a
step would give him, I would [illegible] about re-
turning to America: [illegible] that I might [illegible]
[illegible] up [illegible] find out
some [illegible] as it is, the
People will wonder at my not returning to America, & think
[illegible] I have got a little book
[illegible] upon the internal Conviction of the Christian Religion or
[illegible] of Miracles, prophecies &c: & amuse myself by Confuting the
arguments upon Paper, by showing the little foundation they are
built upon, or applying them to other Religions. — If I had your
[illegible] I would write a book upon this subject. — Don't talk to
me any more about the Columns & much more about yourself — [illegible]
[illegible] a Diabolical [illegible]
[illegible]

Jan 10th — your letter dated 21st Dec.

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Heavens! if I had sent the letter which I writ to you a few days ago, you would have expected to have read in the next Courier de l'Europe that a certain I. R. a disappointed American had hanged himself in his lodgings. — My very soul was plunged in Melancholy, & every expression bore the Stamp of it. — Blockhead that you were to talk of your Chateau in Savoie, — t'was all nonsense, you would not have lived there a week by yourself, & would soon have delivered the scene of your history in there [illegible] pour tenements. — My situation is really disagreeable, the [illegible] the Service I did L. N. prevents my application [illegible] is not likely that the Cares of Europe, Asia, Africa, & America should leave him much time to think of me who never thrusts himself in his Way. — I have found out a great many of old acquaintances, but I feel the Want of some one to whom I could open my whole soul, I have not seen my guardian for some time he is drinking mineral Water at a place in Gloucestshire, his Brother indeed in some measure makes up to me the present loss of him. But Men advanced in life see all objects in so different manner from what young men do, their prudence is apt to throw such a chill upon our ambition, that I long for thee again Jenny [illegible] Shulten, I felt at Geneva that the happiest of my days were slipping away, though I little thought that my situation would be so [illegible]

England. — Sometimes I am determined to return immediately to America; at other times I sigh after some other Chambers[illegible], & then again I feel that secret dread, that inward horror — of sinking into nought" — that Cato expresses in Addison. — Perhaps I am speaking at this time to a man who is upon his journey to England, for by this time you must be decided, & I can pretty well [illegible] of what are the reasons with you [illegible]. — When I had not [illegible] [illegible] of your accompanying the M[illegible], I had other reasons for thinking as I did, than those [illegible] to you. I know how jealous you are of any thing that [illegible] to be dependence [illegible] you are to create visions to yourself which [illegible] [illegible] foundation, but the [illegible] [illegible] of the family picture too, I thought, would be an [illegible] [illegible] — [illegible] your friend as I am it is impossible for me to advise, all that I can say is — consult your own feelings & if [illegible] you should be happier (I mean a bonheur reflechi) with [illegible] — then at [illegible], close with him immediately — Consider [illegible] one hand the finishing your history, now that you are on [illegible], & that the very air that you breathe is scientific, & [illegible] the pleasure of seeing this happy island when [illegible] [illegible] her gifts in to the lap of liberty & which has been [illegible] & [illegible] of every kind. — [illegible] not [illegible] your [illegible]

partly love of Locomot[illegible] ought to be considered, if [illegible] himself obliged to do [illegible] in an [illegible] of dejection — as to death & honour wait [illegible] off from the endeavo[illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] determined in all the [illegible] [illegible] reading alone, partic[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] will be [illegible] advance him above [illegible] [illegible] to the a[illegible] [illegible] as [illegible] the style [illegible]

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pretty love of Locomotion alone get the better of you — There is one thing to be considered, if L^d C— brought you to England, he might think himself obliged to do something for you — which he did.

I Read in an indiscriminate manner — which is the consequence of my dejection — as to the Law — I can not, & will not study it. Let death & honour wait upon those, who can consent to cut themselves off from the endearments of Society, who can pore over the stupidity of our law writers, & then consent to receive wages for being interested in all the little, dirty disputes, that envy, malice, or chicane gives rise to. — I feel it very disagreeable too the always reading alone, particularly when I come to such passages as are uncommon — another thing that perplexes, the having no one to converse with about what I read — in short, I believe that were I to live in this manner & in London six months more I should either grow melancholy, or not be very far from it — I read My Lord Clarendon & admire him above all things for his noble manner of drawing characters; if he was ever partial — it is with respect to the beauty, merit ... & more to the abilities of any man this I think is as much impartiality as one can expect from any historian — He is too ... the style ... of eloquent — Charles owed his misfortunes to many causes, which indeed rendered them inevitable —

The Kings own self diffidence, & the interested views of those about him
who carried with them all the intrigues of a court into the Camp,
joined to the delay which took in all the dis attachment to the for=
malities of the law in the beginning of the War occasioned in all his
proceedings — gave a wonderful advantage to the Parliamentarians;
They no sooner drew the sword than they threw away the scabbard,
they resolved quickly, & executed with no less promptitude; did any ex=
press law cramp their measures? they abolished it; dreaded by their
enemies, they were adored by their [illegible] friends, & whilst the Kings
troops chiefly composed of Gentlemen, made a jest of religion & lived
upon free quarters, by which means they were a charge to their best friends,
they maintained the most exact discipline in
their army, & never charged till the Senses of every individual was
steeped in the fumes of religion. —— I have neither read
Gibbon, nor the history of Phil: 2, nor Robertson's history of America
which is just published, — I have not been able to bor=
row, & can not afford to buy them — I will however make
an effort one of these days. —— Robertson's book is intirely
historical, for he very prudently awaits the end of the present
affair ~~[illegible] before the third~~ as wise for the [illegible] of publishing the Comercial &
his Political Part. —— Do You know that I have three sev=
eral times begun such a letter as I should write M B [illegible] I to
steal off to America — How soothed my mind is to see the Parliament

[illegible] by their own ways, & a Counsel profiting alone of an [illegible]
[illegible] their majesty— [illegible] I am afraid that the dane has taken root, as
[illegible] will sometimes spring up under the shade of the fairest trees
of the forest; but I do not see how you should permit such an object
to influence your happiness by any thing he can say or do:—Should
the Lady, endowed as She is with every thing that can make her beloved,
[illegible] so much a Woman as to let the officiousness of a man, whose
[illegible] to be agreed [illegible] weigh more with her than the ties of
friendship, & her own reason, Should She 'ere give you a look or a
[illegible] that makes your situation seriously irksome, go
[illegible] to Valence, & write to the — Lieutenant [illegible] you
[illegible] against deducing false consequences [illegible] what may
[illegible] from [illegible] habitual complaints which must in the long
run influence even the temper of an angel.—. Be assured that
[illegible] is our being able one day
[illegible] another to live together again — I feel, as if I had lost
[illegible] my body by a stroke of the Palsy:—Give my love to B—
[illegible] is but one regiment in which the Cousin could enter, the ob-
[illegible] a Commission would not of Consequence be very easy for
[illegible] of think the end of the War?— I have a great
[illegible] to America, & would consent to be sent to [illegible]
[illegible] would make you both as much of Us as Commanders of Lord [illegible].

Your Apollo will come by the [illegible] Dispatch —
Where are my books? — for them —

ANGLETERRE

[illegible] Monsieur

Monsieur Mallet
Chez Monsieur Bo[illegible] [illegible]
Geneve

19 – June

Your last was dated the 21st of May — & it is now more than ten days
since I have heard from you — You would not make such a gap
in our <u>conversation</u> if you considered how essential a <u>Part</u> of my
happiness it is to hear from you — I have written without [illegible]
ing it conversation instead of correspondence; — however I think let it
stand, for it ~~expresses what I wish better than~~ is more expressive than
the other word is. — Since I have reasoned over the law in my
mind, & convinced myself that I can not study it, I have attached
myself entirely to History, & have taken up Temple — Hume & Sir J.
Dalrymple at the end of Clarendon — Temple's letters & Memoirs
bespeak a Man of Honour & abilities; superior [illegible] the little arts
of Vulgar Politicians, he ~~he~~ is ~~content~~ to [illegible] eye [illegible] con-
stantly fixed upon the interests of his Country [illegible] nothing, not
even the orders of his Master, can make him swerve from:
a spirit of frankness & probity breathes in all his proceedings,
& gives him a prodigious ascendant over those he treats with —
in five days he made the triple Alliance, & being sent to Holland in
78, when Charles shewed signs of souring himself, he concluded
a treaty with the States in 6 days, notwithstanding their aversion
to war & then he relates a pleasant story, which is a great relaxation
to the Mind of the Reader — "Some time before the Duke of Ormond
died, all his family consisted of a gentleman of the Horse, as he was called, &
another

of his Chamber, & a boy who used to a little way beyond the window: one day he asked for his horse; the two first told him the boy was not to be found; the two others however got him his horse; they ask'd (?) not agree which of them should go saddle him, till the Duke said there go one or t'other of them to it, or else he would himself go down & saddle the horse himself — They were ashamed — a true tale — Temple very fond of ditties (?), so when he had the gouty (?) [illegible], would have visited no where but from Temple's house. The Prince would for three weeks, & in all that time he never once bid for any thing, but that he found Bentinck at his bed side — the [illegible] his Wife was twice with Child, & that there is no [illegible] possible [illegible] your favourite opinion. — You in love with your [illegible], prudent, political, [illegible] & disinterested [illegible] conditions — he could hazard his life like a young Soldier, and to serve his country like an old General, despised the offers of Lewis & Charles, & declared that he would be content to sacrifice his Dominions in Burgundy amounting to 8000 a year for one more turn to the Stadtholder — I like his delicacy in the Choice of a Wife — in short I like every thing about him but his [illegible] of the neglect of the Queen & their no Children — I pity Charles the 2d at the end of his life — fallen in the love of his People, [illegible] by those who had fomented a rebellion in the heart of his Kingdom, & obliged [illegible]

to [illegible] up with the
& the Parliament [illegible]
I think our history
refer, it contains [illegible]
people [illegible]
be concluded, England
as to the present Con[illegible]
[illegible], as many [illegible]
your [illegible]
~~[illegible]~~
~~[illegible]~~
[illegible]
Lord Clive is arrived, [illegible]
has [illegible] to my [illegible]
you had better [illegible]
have seen for other
the [illegible] of [illegible],
interesting. — Resp[illegible]
[illegible]
a [illegible] 2. —
[illegible] would be [illegible]
in [illegible] hands [illegible]
[illegible] to

to put up with the inconveniences of Poverty rather than rely upon a New Parliament. — An admirable lesson to an English King! — I think our history as interesting as that of any kingdom in Europe, it contains more struggles for liberty & religion than any other people ever made, & could this damnable — cursed American War be concluded, England might still for ages be a great kingdom. — as to the present Corruption, I can not foresee as many bad effects from it, as many are fond of prognosticating. — Remember Juvenal

— ______ jam pridem, ex quo suffragia nulli
Vendimus, effudit curas; nam qui dabat olim
Imperium, [illegible] ______

Lord Clive is arrived, but I have not seen him. The family picture has stalked to my lodgings, & we have unpacked it [illegible] — Upon the whole you had better not to come — living in the Country, you would have seen few others but such as are interested to be [illegible] with the [illegible] of [illegible], & those conversations would not have been very interesting. — Represent yourself too in a new family; new manners & customs, with a new language — new [illegible] — caprices, & & perhaps [illegible] — When my fate will be determined God knows, nor can be known if any one does. As to myself I am in the dark. — By present appearances I go to Hamburgh by the first ship, & on my return to spend a month in Shropshire if I am pressed —

I have seen by accident Your friend Pierre, & am sorry to find he quits ~~[illegible]~~ his place. I have desired him to Go to a Certain Cabinet, where he will with never miss of a Certain Gentleman at a Certain hour, who will bring him to my house — If I can be of any service to him, I need not say that I will consider him as Your friend — I will endeavour ~~if [illegible]~~ to make him stay where he is, & will not fail giving him a great deal of advice, whether he wants it or no, & a little money if he should want it very much. —— Adieu for the present — I must go & [illegible] adorn nice myself — 20th — I have sent your Apostles by [illegible] ~~[illegible]~~ as to the book, I must send it by another opportunity, for I heard of his going only the night before ~~he departed~~ when all the booksellers shops were shut — By the by, ~~what the~~ what, in the name of the Father Son & Holy ghost, is become of my books? I desired to let me know the name of Cicco's correspondent at Ostende, for then I might some merchant of my acquaintance to write to him — Consider how I should feel the loss of Montesquieu, Baron Blackstone &c: &c: not to mention my letters, with the hellern Cicericam, & my tour of Switzerland which you put an end to at St Gal — How does your history go on? — dedicate it to the thirteen Cantons. — You mistake if you think I wish to have you shut yourself up in such a manner as to be excluded from mankind, all I mean is that your history is a work that it will be 2 Prodigious advantage to [illegible] World if you can [illegible]

it much before. I read Horace continually & believe from my heart
that he contains more admirable maxims for the future conduct of a
man's life than all the sermons that have ever been written — look at the
8th stanza of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Athenia — what does the word "beatior"
agree with? I know the meaning of the passage very well, but can not
make out the the grammatical order of it. — Heavens what inconsis-
tences in your letters! how often have you rung in my ears that I
entertain too favourable an opinion of Mankind, & yet in your last
are these words "La pitié en général trop renversant — [illegible] te appre-
[illegible] le blame ~~[illegible]~~ fortune à l'ame l'homme &c: — au lieu de blamer &c: — "awake my Reader".
Keep that letter
[illegible] letter in which I say — [illegible] instead of [illegible]
can keep what
[illegible] expected never existed — I am afraid my [illegible] much
have been very uninteresting, for I have lived very retired, & my thoughts
have been too much occupied to let me turn my retirement to a good
account — I have been more dissipated than usual for these ten days
past, & am firmly resolved to have "en flûte" no longer — if I get nothing
by the end of the summer — I am determined either to live in France
with you, to pass some time at the university of Glasgow or Edinburgh
where Ferguson, Smith, & Robertson still live, & where Hume has lived, or
if want of money renders these two schemes impracticable to go back to
America — Whatever becomes of me, we must contrive some
means of keeping together — Tell me how you stand at Geneva
& never neglect saying every thing that may convince M & Mr B that I have
not forgot them. — & now adieu my dearest — Write to me — Thine

…TERRE

Monsieur

Monsieur Mallet 85

Chez Monsieur Bonnet de [illegible]

à Genève

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[illegible] must be surprised [illegible] at not having heard from me
for so long a time, almost a fortnight I believe, but suspend thy [illegible]
for a moment, & hear my defence [illegible] the [illegible] thinking of [illegible]
is that for one whole week I was taken up by thinking about my voyage
& by preparations for putting it in execution, another week I spent
aboard the ship, in consequence of which [illegible] at present in
the Imperial Anseatick city of Hambourg. — I promise thee
upon friendship never to [illegible] a week without writing to
you [illegible] with [illegible] the [illegible] in [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] to your friend [illegible] all dis-
agreeable situations the most infernal is living [illegible] of life
in bad weather, but in time I had company [illegible] that hereafter.
The cabbin of our ship might originally have been [illegible] 15 feet long by as
many broad, but the most considerable portion of this mighty space
was taken up by bales of Merchandise, so that there was only room
enough for a [illegible] table & four chairs on which [illegible] our com-
mander in chief, an old lady, & her daughter & myself seated our
selves regularly twice a day, at what we called dinner & supper
the rest of the time was spent upon deck, or in bed. — The Ladies
slept in a little room where they could neither stand upright, or lie at
full length, — adjoining to the cabbin, where there was a niche prepared among

the trouble for the [illegible] of my [illegible] friends — [illegible]

[illegible] half a hundred [illegible]

[illegible] my head. — The Old Lady [illegible] as was her daughter, a pretty, agreeable, good natured girl [illegible] more modesty than one could wish, [illegible] than one could expect. — She has reclined her head upon my bosom a hundred times, I have kissed her as often [illegible] to my [illegible]

[illegible]

I am now going to dinner, but never shall my eyes be closed in sleep till I have written a long letter to the partner of my soul — I am ashamed to confess it, I went to bed last night without continuing my letter, but it was very late. —

My Brother receives these [illegible]; but I never saw joy equal to his when he did; for my part I [illegible] be [illegible] happy to embrace him [illegible] I follow [illegible] same time [illegible] Sister — [illegible]

[illegible] of me I know not [illegible]

[illegible] — I [illegible]

[illegible] I had turned from [illegible]

some other hand did [illegible]

[illegible] being [illegible]

[illegible] quietly into the [illegible]

or. — Suppose you [illegible]

[illegible] with me next [illegible]

[illegible] charge to you [illegible]

accident befall me, [illegible]

[illegible] myself, [illegible]

My [illegible] near [illegible]

good [illegible]

understanding & very [illegible]

the [illegible] of learning [illegible]

German, seem to be [illegible]

[illegible] — Cleland was reckoned [illegible]

fond of Latin Poetry, [illegible]

[illegible] Latin [illegible] that [illegible]

head — As a specimen [illegible]

[illegible]

a [illegible] from your [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] half a hundred [illegible]
[illegible] — The Old Lady [illegible]
[illegible] agreeable, good [illegible]
[illegible] one could wish, [illegible]
[illegible] — She has [illegible]
I have [illegible]
[illegible]

become of me I know not, & the uncertainty I am in does not fail making
me melancholy. — I begin still more to think of returning to Ame-
-rica, & had [illegible] fowling beach that it never fell into the water, or that
some other hand did not pull him out; I should then have contented
myself with the [illegible] of becoming a man of learning, & have
sunk quietly into the humble Planter upon the banks of [illegible]
er. — Suppose you were to finish your history & go back to Ame-
-rica with me next winter, or suppose I was to go there, & leave it
in charge to you to bear witness for me to mankind, should any
accident befall me, that I wanted but an opportunity of dis-
-tinguishing myself, & to lament — Full many a flower is born to blush unseen
And waste its sweetness on the desert air.

My B[illegible] is near as tall as I am, but stouter; he is fair, has
good features [illegible] blueish eyes. — His capacity is excellent, & his
understanding a very good one; I find however that this academy [illegible]
the seminary of learning I thought it — Mathematics, accounts, French
& German, seem to be the only things that are taught as they should
be. — Cleland was reckoned a very good Scholar at Eton, & is now
fond of Latin Poetry, he shewed me several old [illegible] several
new Latin ones that he had brought, [illegible]
hand. — As a specimen of his German, take the [illegible]
Paper which is addressed to you [illegible] — [illegible]
[illegible] your friend [illegible]
[illegible]

Mrs. Boone the very Morning before I left London, & at the time I rec your affectionate letter of 15th of June. By this time you will have received one of Henri's notes for ten pounds — which was sent the day when I received yours & I embarked the same evening M. B. kindly offered to send the note — He loves you sincerely — [illegible]

A Monsieur
Monsieur [illegible]
[illegible]
Chez Monsieur de Bonstetten
Conseil [illegible]
[illegible] à Berne

Every thing that concerns you — almost as warmly as I do —
[illegible] think you do wrong in fixing a day from [illegible]
[illegible] you may be with Bonstetten — for the [illegible] but
[illegible] you are determined to return here, which [illegible]
[illegible] — Besides you don't consider how useful you [illegible]

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Dem [illegible]

[illegible] ist unser Leben [illegible]

liebe Brüder wann du es sagen kannst [illegible]

Willen [illegible] du nicht daß ich den Deutschen [illegible]

geschrieben habe

10th July 1812

[illegible] to [illegible], [illegible] Robin, & as I charged [illegible]

letter into the [illegible] himself. You will [illegible] have received it. I [illegible]

You have sent me [illegible] things that [illegible]

having [illegible] make you think it [illegible]

[illegible] in a different manner — I [illegible] I will [illegible] the [illegible]

before my departure [illegible] by informing [illegible] was

[illegible] into the books I sent from home. I believe the devil [illegible]

with them, so I shall wait with due resignation in hopes of [illegible]

[illegible] of these in the next World. — You [illegible] imagine how happy I

[illegible] upon the road from London [illegible], not from that

[illegible] [illegible] with [illegible], but [illegible] breathing a little [illegible]

[illegible] in which [illegible] — While I was

[illegible] the situation of my [illegible] a [illegible] experience [illegible]

[illegible], the [illegible] was [illegible] taken up

[illegible] upon [illegible] so much [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible] each of these. The [illegible]

[illegible] adventures [illegible] the [illegible]

[illegible]? — I have not [illegible] in a few [illegible]

I endeavoured to write to you aboard the ship, but [illegible]

[illegible] I was [illegible]

[illegible] I had [illegible]

[illegible] a Ship [illegible]

[illegible] the Sea [illegible]

[illegible] by [illegible]

[illegible], [illegible] without [illegible] feeling [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] a thing

impossible in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], I am far from

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Doubt – [illegible] [illegible] which

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in Sweden

and with [illegible], [illegible] of America. You tell me that [illegible]

you in my situation, you would throw yourself in the [illegible] [illegible],

[illegible] think that you would be indefatigable till you [illegible] something; [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] that you [illegible], but in my case you [illegible] be as I do,

[illegible] you be endowed with half the [illegible] your [illegible] [illegible] under

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

and that [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] to [illegible] the [illegible]

[illegible]. – I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] you [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible], but he [illegible] [illegible] a day or two before I had taken my passage

with the Captain, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible] friend in him. He is shortly to set out for

[illegible] [illegible] I have spoken of you in a manner that will [illegible] him

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] your [illegible] – [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], my [illegible], you [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] you [illegible] my [illegible] [illegible] my [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], I

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] to

among you are equally considerable debts, against a [illegible] [illegible]
a claim to consider that returning it to you [illegible] for want of money [illegible]
to think a [illegible], his [illegible] that it would render your [illegible]
in time infinitely more delicate. — Providence (if you will allow
to [illegible]) would [illegible] with gentlest in [illegible] for you, [illegible]
was [illegible] that you could with abundance without the care of
[illegible] riding, books in plenty, [illegible] [illegible] sufficient & [illegible]
[illegible] conversation always at your command [illegible]. Had I [illegible]
100 Miles of [illegible] you never should have visited half so often, nor for
long a time, but I saw the fit of Lexington coming on [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] before I [illegible]
to the [illegible] — I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to you the [illegible]
of friendship you [illegible] received from [illegible]. I would have [illegible]
remember that they [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. I would have [illegible]
the [illegible] [illegible] for your [illegible] [illegible] that you might [illegible]
as you thought proper [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] Sancho after leaving a Castle where he had been treated [illegible] with the greatest hospitality — "Believe me, my Sancho, in the midst of those delicious feasts [illegible] I suffered the extremities of hunger, [illegible] [illegible] before me, which I could not enjoy with that freedom as if they had been my own; for the obligations [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] returns for kindnesses received, are ties that will not let a generous mind be free. Happy the Man, whom Heaven has [illegible] with bread, for which he is to thank [illegible] Heaven alone!" —

I [illegible] go back to [illegible] [illegible] — I have given up my [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] upon my return. — This is [illegible] [illegible] the eighth [illegible] [illegible], your native place is the Paragon of [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], a [illegible] with [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] nothing but [illegible] — I have [illegible] in Company [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] — This [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] together [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the company. — I [illegible] [illegible] ([illegible]) [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] — at which time I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] with [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] — He was relating [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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has once or twice experienced in the house where he [illegible]

[illegible] believe it, he once, like a true Brother of ours, had [illegible]

[illegible] himself off for the east Indies unknown [illegible]

[illegible] Nothing but the desire of seeing my Brother [illegible]

[illegible] me to make this trip, for I am tired of [illegible]

[illegible] of sitting still, I would give as much to be [illegible]

[illegible] to be very [illegible] — What [illegible] affairs [illegible]

[illegible] dances; in [illegible] they [illegible] the [illegible]

[illegible] by [illegible] a [illegible] those [illegible] they [illegible]

[illegible] to the [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible] — [illegible]

[illegible] his [illegible]

[illegible] of his [illegible]

[illegible] to the [illegible]

[illegible]

Wish me joy My Muller, from the very bottom of thy heart, if thou hast any, & hast not entirely given it up to Your friends already. Wish me joy, I say, of being at length quit of the Sea, & of being once more placed at my round table writing to my rotund historian. — By my beginning by telling You to Wish me joy, You expected, without doubt, that something better was to follow, which You would know to be impossible had You ever been on Ship=board — When one is ill - 'tis Hell itself - & little better than Purgatory when one is Well. — Represent to Yourself how disagreeable it must have been to Your friend to be shut up in a ship upon the wide ocean with people, whose conversation was scarce ever not ennuieuse, too unwell to read or write, & left to such meditations as naturally occur to a man in a disagreeable situation. — What fine unravelling the man would have, who attempted tracing the Concatination of events, which had brought our ship's crew, & passengers together — ! We were - six Englishmen - two Germans - a Dane, an Italian, an American, & a Swiss, not to forget the renowned Lilih - who eat, drank, snored, & was sea sick like any Christian of ~~us~~ us all. — Often would Magninac hold up his brawny arms towards heaven, &

execrate the Wretch - qui fragilem truci commisit Pelago-ratem Primus —— (this is the best translation I can give of his expressions) In vain did I set forth to him the increase of Commerce, the refinement of Mankind & other things which flowed from ~~man~~ the improvements of latter ages upon navigation, — All was to no Purpose, & one pitch of the Ship convinced him much more than the most illaborate illustration would have done. — You may imagine what fine English was spoken on board of our ship, & how grated my ears must have been. Of all languages the English is spoken the least correctly by those whose native language it is, - a Frenchman may make use of low, unmeaning expressions, but an Englishman does not stop there, & never, unless he is a man of education, lets one sentence escape him, which is not ~~replete~~ replete with the grossest faults against grammar. —. They are a strange nation the English — One of my fellow Passengers, a very good Sort of Man; who has travelled in France, Germany, & Spain, asked me one day whether I had ever ~~the~~ seen the famous Colossus (of Rhodes) under which a Ship might go in full sail, & expressed his desire of visiting it: - Another day - we were speaking of Italy; I gave him

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~~[illegible]~~ Ghom
casioned by some
the spot where
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done & Ghomorr
get this Man
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lossus (of Rhodes) unde
essed his desire of
of Italy; I gave him

some account of the eruption at Mount Vesuvius that I was wit=
ness to, & added that very possibly the destruction of Sodom and
~~Gomorrah~~ Ghomorra, which is mentioned in the bible, was oc=
casioned by some such event, the more so, as a lake now stands in
the spot where those cities are supposed to have been placed —
He thought my idea very good, & concluded with asking whether So=
dom & Ghomorra had been situated in Italy or no? — And
yet this Man was by no means a fool. —— I am this mo=
ment arrived in town (25th July) — my passage lasted eight days, &
four or five I spent with my Brother upon in a little villag
with a long German name upon the Banks of the Elbe in
daily expectation of a fair Wind. — Cleland is as tall as I am
within an inch or two, & but far stouter in his make, he is good
natured, lively, & not ignorant of the Ways of the World, though
he detests, more than thou or I do, the formalities of it. — He is
born to be happy — for Young as he is, He ambitions nothing the
acquisitions of which is not entirely within his reach — He has
no historical knowlege, but some taste for the Classicks, which
still fill a place in his little library. — He has given me some
volumes of the Poetæ Minores — such as Serenicus, Nazellus, Palæmon &c:

to be sent to a friend of his at Eton as an inexhaustible fund for stealing of Latin verses; — he desired me at the same time to give his friend a Guineau, the first time I saw him, bidding me not be surprised, for that "Draper was his Muller" — I hugged him for his expression. —— Though fortune has not done enough for me in my own opinion since my arrival in England, yet must I not be ungrateful — Do you remember my good relations in Switzerland, whom I used to go & see once a year, at the risk of a week's ennui, & an indigestion at [illegible] the end of it? Well — what should I find upon my room table on entering my room but a letter with the head of that noble beast upon it, which you used to be so brilliant upon, & signed David Kinloch — This Gentleman, you must know, is the Younger Brother of the Old Baronet who speaks no language, & sollicits me by the ties of kindred that connect us to pay him a visit in Scotland. — If I neither receive any benefits of the High Priest's favour very soon, & do not return to America, it would not be a bad scheme to pass some time at the university of Glascow, or Edinburgh — Robertson (have I spoken to you of his History?) Ferguson, & Smith are worth more than any one I can see here

& then the Manes of Hume! — I hope to find as great a bund[le]
of Your letters in Mr Boone's hands, as I did in Barrazzi's at
Rome — No News from America, I begin to despond —
Prudens futuri temporis exitum
Caliginosâ Nocte premit Deus — O blindness to the future kindly given!
When I write to You, I do like a Man who shoots flying, for
I know no more where You are, than I do where the last Comet
is — Sometimes I represent thee to myself stretched out upon
your belly, surrounded by ramparts of books, almost as impas-
sible as those which defend your Countrymen, then
again methinks I see the orbit of thy face overshadow-
ing the friendly board of Bonstetten, or joined in friendly converse (with him
or — the fair Partner of his Joys — in short I see You every where
but at Genthod — If You have not sent Your watch, I
desire, nay order You to keep it. — have You received a Note
of Heroices? — Never let Slip an opportunity of Commending
me to Mr & Mrs Bonnet — Whilst I was at Hambourg I
saw Voght at a distance in the Street, but avoided him on pur-
pose; I was afraid He might think himself obliged to be ci[vil]
to me — My Love to B — Good Night — my round faced, blue eyed, beloved
London 25 1777 Histor[ian]

Monsieur

Monsieur Muller

Pacd 1/20

Chez Monsieur de Bonstetten du Conseil Souverain

à

Berne

&c. In Switzerland

30th of July

Often, my Mother, have I emptied my purse upon my round table, in which every thing valuable I have has at different times been placed upon it — but nothing so precious was ever spread upon it before, for I have all your letters piled up at one upon another, among them your three last of 23d — 26 of J— & the 3th of July. — This is going a long way about to tell you how I value those monuments of your friendship which are so far superior to Conversation in as much as words pass away, whilst they remain for ever.

They live, they speak, they breathe what Love inspires,
Warm from the Soul, & faithful to its fires.

Tell B— had he been my brother, & had I lost a nephew in his son, I doubt whether I could have regretted his loss more than I now do; but [illegible] will be more propitious another time, & he may [illegible] enjoy the heartfelt satisfaction of having a son capable of perpetuating the virtues of his Father blended with those of his Mother. — I shall know in two or three days whether there is a possibility of having your book printed here upon advantageous terms, though I must confess Myself the Man of all others the least acquainted with this sort of business. — As to the 10 I hide no use for them, at least I can have no better one; I am only sorry that you have sent your watch, & [illegible] to find fault at this moment, would even blame you & think very seriously for so doing. — Next week I shall go into Shropshire, for I

various reasons for accepting of L. C.'s invitation — In the first place
I am sick of the noise, the dirt, the smoke of this immense capi-
tal, & long for the sight of green meadows, the melody of birds, &
the pleasure of roaming in the shady covert of some grove, where
I may give up my whole mind to reflection, without a [illegible] no
more of America than if Columbus had been thrown over board
by his own crew, & the descendants of Montezuma still swayed the
scepter of Mexico, unharassed by a set of Christian devils.
My estate has already cost me more words than it will ever
bring me in Pounds. — I have another view — Your present
~~situation~~ situation is at best but an unsettled one, the fam-
ily picture will scarce accompany the Man of Caspie again,
& why should you not step into his place? — Mr Boone & I have
had a great deal of conversation about it, & he agrees with me
in thinking that it would be the best thing for you that could
possibly happen — Speak to B- ~~[illegible]~~ upon this subject, &
let me know the result of ~~of~~ this & your opinion as soon as you can.
I will in the mean time Propose it to Lord Clive as a thing coming
intirely from Me, & have no doubt but what he will jump at it.
I used to sing Goosthead in your ears, Whilst I was persuaded that
your not being happy there was your own fault, but I am no

longer so unse[...]
you yourself [...]
leave Geuthod, [...]
selfishness has [...]
experienced the [...]
rate into a [...]
of seeing Euro[...]
doing justice to [...]
Though I propo[...]
not wait till [...]
My dear Mother[...]
very bottom of [...]
ving you as I [...]
winter, I know [...]
should call him [...]
pen to Me, the [...]
thing for you, [...]
I may possibly [...]
you ten louis [...]
made quite a [...]

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of this immense exp=
the melody of birds,
of some grove, where
tion, without a tear not
been thrown over board
Drama still swayed the
of Christian deeds.
ds then it will ever
— Your present
unsettled one, the fa
of Europe again,
Melbourne & I have
it, & he agrees with me
thing for you that are
upon this subject, &
nion as soon as you can.
Clive as a thing coming
he will jump at it.
I was persuaded that
fault, but I am no

longer so unreasonable as to think myself a better judge than
you yourself of what constitutes your felicity; no, my friend
leave you that, since the poisonous breath of low born envy &
selfishness has prevailed in blasting that comfort, which you once
experienced there, & without which existence would degene=
rate into a Hell, & embrace, if you can, the opportunity
of seeing Europe with the only man I know, who is capable of
doing justice to your merit, & according it at the same time.
Though I propose being in Shropshire in a week, yet I will
not wait till then, but state to my Lord Clive tomorrow.
My dear Mother, if there is any thing that I regret from the
very bottom of my soul, it is my present incapacity of ser=
ving you as I could wish — What will become of me next
winter, I know not, but my Brother, who is worthy that you
should call him so, has promised, should any accident chance to hap=
pen to me, that if ever he comes to his estates, he will do every
thing for you, that I could wish. — Love him tenderly —
I may possibly stay a month with L C — & could very easily spare
you ten louis more, should you stand in need of them — You have
made quite a miser of me, for I had begun to love money in proportion

— I begin to learn what a Heavenly purpose it may be put to — I cannot think of studying the Law; I am, I confess, daunted at the labour it requires, & the more so as I wish for nothing that the Law can procure me — Some knowledge of the Law is not only essential, but highly agreeable, but reading of Blackstone is not what one calls studying it, would that were sufficient. Now the question is, how I am to dispose of my person till the American War ends, or some place drops which we think we may ask for — some times I think of living in Switzerland, but then I am afraid of getting too much dishabituated to the World & particularly to the English world, nor do I know how ~~much the Law~~ the source of my money may be dry, at others I have thought of serving a Campaign as a volunteer with General Howe, but that idea my Guardian has altogether smothered by objecting that it would immediately be attributed to Him, besides too I should draw down the curses of an angry mother, of a Mother whom I love too, upon my head. — What remains then to do? An Idle life I neither can nor will lead — Suppose — now you will be tempted to laugh — suppose Pray I was to go to the East Indies in the Service of the Company?

I should be out of the Way, have employment enough, & lay in a stock for future reflection in observing the manners of the inhabitants, & the Nature of the oldest country in the World, to express myself to; & though I should not like another Bacchus or another Lord Clive come home clad in the spoils of India, yet my youth would not have glided away useless & unobserved — Do you know, that my Guardian relishes this better than going to America; as to the Edinburgh or Glascow scheme He does not smile upon it, though he does not quite shake his head. — Mais Parlons un peu de vos affaires! — But here I am afraid of falling into what you very well observe to be unavoidable considering the distance we live at from one another, & of giving you advice upon things that are no longer the objects of your anxiety. — Never return to Schafford [illegible] you can possibly avoid it, & rather burst a few of the slight threads of Nature than let them draw you to a place where the very air will nip the bud of those laurels which are just sprouting upon your ~~the~~ forehead — You never read Butler's Hudibras, I believe, of all authors he is the most charmingly original — hear how he paints the Character of the Presbyterian religion in Cromwell's time

A sect whose chief devotion lies
In odd perverse antipathies
In falling out with that or this
And finding somewhat still amiss,

Compound for sins they are inclin'd to,
By damning those they have no mind to; | Still so perverse & opposite
As if they Worship'd God for spight.

You can scarce imagine what infinite pleasure it gives me to see the hypocritical nonsense of the Saints exploded with such infinite wit & humour.— I have a book by me which though now not new is intirely so to me— it is called "The Fable of the Bees" under this title are set forth the intrigues of a Commonwealth such as ours, the different characters that distinguish the different orders of men are delineated, their ~~private~~ particular views reduced to the common principle of self love, & private vices are proved in the end to become publick benefits— Thus it is that ~~[illegible]~~ avarice in a wretch of a father is the source of unbounded prodigality in a son, & that clearing the Works of the [illegible] with which it is overrun would be taking bread from the mouths of thousands.— I read Robertson's history of America which as yet is purely narrative I like his stile better than that of Renal, it is full as elegant without that tone of [illegible] which [illegible] the periods of the latter— The Notes at the end of each volume, together with references to different authors, contain several little facts & anecdotes which are below the dignity of history though one would be sorry not to know them— There is an

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dark night to scramble up to the Window of a Lady, with whom
he had an intrigue, an old Wall, upon which he was mounted
gave way, & he was so much bruised by the fall as to be unfit
for the voyage. — He was incontestably a great man, & joined
to that bold spirit of enterprise & that undaunted courage
which distinguished his countrymen an infinite deal of address
& insinuation — You speak to me of Firmian as if
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little of Your enthusiasm which will ever expose You to disappoint-
ments — You may say what You will, a man of letters is the
least respectable character in Italy — When I spoke observed how
constrained the liberty of the Press was at Berne, I was not
ignorant that it arose from the nature of the Government,
nor did I mean to find fault. — My Books are arrived safe,
but I have not yet been able to lay hands upon them —
You are a little severe upon Mrs B— the short & the long is that
She is a Woman & a rich one ___. Dojon is come — & I have got
the books & Your watch safe — the letter looks like a veteran, & will
put me in mind of what a heedless fellow You are every time I see what a clock
it is — Adieu —

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I will certainly send you Chesterfield by Dejean this time — he gave the Apollo to the Laitiere — do me the favour to send me by him when he returns (by Dejean I mean) some of those picture engravings done at Berne of the Country girls in their different Dresses according to their Cantons — coloured.

Mousieur

Paid 12

Monsieur Muller

Chez Monsieur ~~[illegible]~~
Emanuel Haller Libraire a
Switzerland Berne

How goes on the Alliance? — is Norfolk to be built? —

A little before I left England for Hamburg, Mr B told me that he would Write to You; upon my return he told me fairly every thing that Was in his letter, & not satisfied With that, he shewed Me Your answer the day after he received it.— Now the difference there is between a man of six & forty, & ~~[illegible]~~ who has made his fortune in the world, & one of one & twenty who has not even set out in life, the difference of ideas, with respect to the things that are commonly thought to Constitute our happiness, that possesses the one, & the other, can make me account for many things in Mr Boone, which I confess I find harsh, & somewhat unfriendly in Your— To explain myself— Mr Boone whose passions begin to subside, & who have of consequence wishes rather for the solid than the brilliant things of this World, may very reasonably wonder at my not liking a Walk of life which would, with any degree of merit on my side, undoubtedly lead me to riches in the end, nor is it less reasonable that he should mistake that ardour with Which I speak of a Dundee, or a Montrose for that self sufficiency, which is apt to make a Young man sup think himself capable of treading upon the footsteps of the greatest heroes.— but with You, Uncle, the case is — at least it should be — entirely different. I appeal to Yourself whether You know me for one of those who, "quand ils se sentent l'ambition d'imiter les grands hommes, s'imaginent d'en avoir deja la capacité." — "K— reussira toujours, ditez nous, quand il saura que les

grandes choses n'arrivent pas en aussi peu de tems qu'on employe pour la lire le recit" —— Why — You must surely have drunk a cup of Lethe, my good friend, or You would not postpone my succeeding in the World till then, You would not think me that ignorant, vainglorious fellow who thinks himself every thing he admires, nor would You —— but the the truth is that You sacrifice Your friend to a happy turn of expression. — What You say against my leading a retired life is very true, I must confess thyself better acquainted with the the sweets of it than a Young man in my situation should be — "Eh si par Malheur il ne peut pas s'accoutumer," ~~&c~~ (that looks as if Your idea was that I should study the law, though You are convinced that You can not dislike preaching, more than I do Pleading) "Que ne prend t il Vatel &c: —" & so I will, when I see a probability of their being of any service to me. Should I ever obtain a residency abroad — my zeal for the interests of this country, which it is impossible I should be utterly unacquainted with, joined to ~~the frank~~ as much of the frankness & uprightness of S. W. Temple as my being is capable of, would stand me instead, till I shall be able to pick up the knowlege You mention. "Heureux le Jeune homme qui apres 3, ou 4 années d'Attente, se peut trouver aussi avantageusement placé! Il se plaint de l'incertitude de son sort, et que ne partage t il pas sa matinée entre 4 ou 5 heures de Jurisprudence &c: —

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What Am I to think of all this? And is it possible You should look upon my situation as an enviable one after all the letters that You have received from Me? I grant You that it is so prosperous in some respects, & that the good will of the prime Minister is a thing to be wished for, but is that sufficient to constitute a Mans happiness? — Every day I live, I grow more acquainted with the inconsistency of Mankind, & sorry am I to see such an example of it in Yourself — What I mean is this — The inconvenience, it deserves no other name, of living in a house with a Man Whom You did Not like, but whom You never had any occasion to speak to, the dislike of not always seeing a smile upon the face of a sick woman, & a zeal being pleased with the officiousness of a Man Whose profession it is to be a servant, these weighty reasons have made You sacrifice the conveniency of living at Genthod, & the Pleasure of being of service to Mr: B— — at the same time that You affect astonishment at my not being happy in my present situation, which, to state it fairly, is this — Born to a fortune as ample as was necessary to render me independent, for upon moderate Computation My Brother & I would have been worth a thousand a Year each, I find myself reduced to thank a Merchant for allowing me what I can just live upon for one Year, burning with Ambition & preferring a military life, I am prevented from entering

the field of Glory now opened to all comers in my Native Country, & am daily agitated by the sense of what I owe my Mother, whose sollicitations should melt a heart much harder than mine, joined to the reflection of the numerous obligations I have received from Mr Boone. — As to the Good L N — may intend Me, I had rather be the Cameleon of the fable & live upon air, than depend upon it. ——————

In this State of Mind do You wonder that I should be low spirited, or, to ask You a question, which I never thought of asking, is it friendly in You to attribute to disappointed vanity a dejection which can be traced from better Causes? —— I hope it was the noise of the Preparations for receiving the Emperor, that caused this temporary derangement in both in Your heart & understanding — Mr Boone & I intend calling upon a French bookseller tomorrow morning & as the Post does not go till tomorrow night, I shall be able to give You an account of our negociations in this letter. — Adieu for the Present ——————. Aug: 4th — We have seen the Bookseller, & his answer is — that Were he to undertake the Printing of Your book, the consequence is, it would be reimprinted in Holland as soon as it appeared, by which means his sale of it would be very inconsiderable, as he could not afford it so cheap. — His advice is that

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own expence, & send him over a hundred copies. — Both [...]
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enough in your Pocket to admit of your running the Chan[ce]
I have finished Robertson — The King of Spain receives after from Am[erica]
& the Philippines after all expenses paid - but - ~~[...]~~ Deleting [...]
annually. — Commercial ideas grow more enlarged every day, & the p[resent]
King - who is not looked upon as a Solomon — has issued at differ[ent]
times several admirable laws which have in great measure
laid open the commerce between the different provinces in
America among themselves, as also between each in particular & eve[ry]
Part of the Mother Country — Spain improves every day, & I wa[s]
astonished at the number of Spanish authors Rob: quotes, & the praise [he]
bestows upon them —— I have been reading over my letter, & I [con-]
fess that it is somewhat too harsh - do not however thus Confound the
effusions of a moment with a fixed opinion; I must not now seal
my letter for if I read it again, I shall tear it, & I have not time
to write another today. Adieu — Sis licet felix, ubicunque mavis,
Et memor Nostri —

In return for your good advice to Mr Boon[e]
about a Lawyer for, I shall write to your Father
& advise to put you in pension with ... —— my Love to Bouletten

Monsieur

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Monsieur Muller

Chez Monsieur Emanuel Haller · Libraire

Switzerland ~~Vel~~Veyre ~~Berne~~.

I have two letters of yours now before me but written in two very diffe-
rent styles — one dated the 24th the other the 31 of July. — how could you, my
friend, aggravate the unpleasantness of my situation with so many so-
licitations to embrace a profession I do not like any more than you
dans la pre'cherie, & which yourself you would detest? Why spend
your time in endeavouring to dazzle my eyes with the advantages
of the Law as if you did not know me? Why tell my Guardian that
I had ennuied myself every where, & why make him repent of per-
mitting me to [struck through] the tour of Italy by harping upon the old string
of my having "mal jugé des moeurs d'une nation dont je ne savais
la langue" — & comme si vous la saviez mieux que moi —
when you appeared so satisfied with my letters at the time?
If a man who is deprived of his fortune, ~~of his court~~ who is cut off from
his country, who is daily incurring the displeasure of his Mother, &
who sees no probability of being provided for but by wading through
the Chaos of an interested, laborious, sedentary profession should utter
some complaints, why clothe them with the appellation of ennui, & cuts
off his only resource — I may be impatient &c: — but remember Horace

1 ——— amatorem quod Amicae
2 Turpia decipiunt caecum vitia &c:
3 Vellem in amicitiâ sic erraremus &c: — virtus nomen posuisset

Is it necessary that I should tell you that I dislike the air of mystery which runs through your letter, & that I can not reconcile myself to the differ[ent] conduct of Mr Boone & yourself? But no more of this – never spare me with respect to my faults, but no more of these formal mysterious letters, which have no more to do with your heart than mine —

A Thousand thanks for your's of the 21.st Methinks the Emperor should have visited Voltaire, & not have given so sensible a mortification to that litterary Nestor, whose name may probably stand as firm as mount Jura, when that of the House of Austria will be indebted to some historian for being preserved from utter oblivion – I like your hardy – honest plain spoken countrymen, & can form to myself an idea of the pleasure you must feel at carrying your eye over those spots, which have been illustrated by the valiant deeds of their forefathers, & of becoming better acquainted with a country whose annals you are handing down to posterity –

I told you in my last the result of my Conversation with the bookseller, in my opinion he spoke like a sensible man – Print the French on your own account, Mr Boone bids me assure you that he will assist you with the money, should you want it; in that case I could wish that it were your own composition, not to mention that I am pretty sure that the book would sell the better for it, though indeed Meister's being banished from Zurich on account of religion, gives me a very good idea

of him – If your ... I must do Mr Bo... ser of advancing ... vised me not to ... to say that a ... abominable Ph... not know you ... ever visit ... tells me how ... Pauvre Mad–Bo... now scarcely ... Plutus Letter in ... Mrs Boone ... accepting flatter... ready to assist ... I read the – Histo... denominated the ... united Provinces ... was going on ... style is not so ele...

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of him — If You can possibly find time, let the French be your own. I must do Mr Boone the Justice to say that he made the friendly offer of advancing You a sum of money at his own instigation, & desired me not to inform You from what quarter it came, but only to say that a friend of mine had made it. — Why the ~~words~~ influence of this abominable Pluto must be worse than the breath of Canidia; did I not know You it would be impossible for me to believe what You say, & even as it is methinks You must be mistaken, though Common sense tells me how impossible it is You should be in such a matter. — La Pauvre Mad-Bon —! by the by, She never answered my letter, & You know how scrupulous she used to be with her friends in this article. — Is Pluto's Letter in French? but now I look again, I see the letter is from Mrs B herself — think no more of Genthod, I am now as much for Your accepting Stoller's invitation, as I was ever against it, & will at any time be ready to assist you with six pence of my last shilling —
I read the — History of the Life of Phil: 2 — which should more properly be denominated the History of the Wars in the Netherlands, or the rise of the seven united Provinces, as the Author takes but a very transient view of what was going on in Spain, Portugal, France & England at the same time — His style is not so elegant as Robertson's, but never not ill adapted nevertheless to Histo

& he excels in descriptions of battles & sacks — Farnese's bridge over the Escaut to cut off Antwerp from receiving any supplies, is equal to any thing that I have read of in history; This great man added more art & insinuation to that profound skill of Military affairs which distinguished him, than was compatible with the bigotted inflexibility of the unfeeling Alva. What constitutes the principal difference between the situation of the Dutch at that time, & that of the Americans at present, is that the former were masters of the Sea, which is very far from being the present case of the latter, add to this the Dutch could at any time ~~keep off~~ the almost invincible ~~all~~ efforts of the Spanish Army by opening their &c destroying their dykes. — William's answer to the Description of Philip is ~~as~~ a model in its kind, & one is at a loss which to admire most the eloquence, the courage, or the ingenuousness ~~ingenuity~~ of it. — I have at my books safely arrived — the sight of them gladdens my heart — As I am returned but to day from passing a week in the Country with my Guardian, I find myself a little tired, & intend to read myself asleep. — Adieu pour le present mon cher Dentillon — 15th — You may say what you will but my situation is by no means an agreeable one, & I know not which side to turn me of — I wish from my heart that I had taken part with my Countrymen from the first; a Knight, whom you will soon see in Switzerland, urges me to it even now, but it is too late — London is filled with American Exiles, & I now

& then pass an hour with some of them of my own province; they have been allowed to bring away as much rice & indigo as they pleased, & have thought themselves very lucky to get such good terms. — My Carolina country has been more violent than any other province, but the considerable number of ships they have lost will bring down their courage a little — As the Military are in each province excluded from any share in the civil government I expect that we shall soon see the same denoument of the Piece as in Cromwel's time; — there has already been a quarrel between the General & the President in Georgia; a duel ensued, the former is dangerously wounded, & the latter was killed upon the spot. — The Man who has been chosen to supply the loss of the President not many years ago sold garden stuff about the streets in Savannah — In Carolina 'tis the same, & Men have become Admirals, Generals, & Lords of Trade, whom Nature designed for Overseers, Shoemakers & Shop keepers, & who, if they escape hanging, may yet fulfill her decrees. — You have doubtless received my letters from Hamburg — Pierre is still in London in quest of a place, I have advised him to return to his Native Country, & as he was intirely without Money, have given him 3 guineas for that Purpose. Send me by Dejean the Engl some of those little representing the country girls engravings done at B.

Monsieur

Monsieur Muller Paid 12

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Chez Monsieur Emanuel Haller Libraire

par Yverdon à Vallerre
Berne

Switzerland

I told You some time ago of my agreement with a bookseller to get any author I please for a guinea a year, I wonder how I remained so long ignorant of so common an expedient — In the consequence of this I have had Robertson, the life of Philip 2d, & have now Gibbon before me — Whilst I lived in Hampshire, the Clergyman who was charged with my education, carryed me now & then to the house of a Gentleman in the neighbourhood; this Gentleman had a son, a young man of between twenty, & thirty who lead a very recluse life — He had been at Oxford, & afterwards at Lausanne; unwarily he had fallen into company with two or three Jesuits (so the story goes) & either had been, or was very near being converted to the Roman Catholick Church. Be that as it will, he had published a little book in French, a kind of critique I believe, which bespoke him, to the few who read it, a man of great erudition, & an elegant writer. — I remember seeing him very often, & God knows I little thought that I was in Company with a man who bid fair to be placed in the Temple of Fame next to Hume himself, & who has convinced the World that the race of great authors is not yet extinguished in this part of our island. by ~~which~~ what I have said, You will easily conjecture that the person in question was no other than the Mr Gibbon whose book I am now writing upon to You. — The title is "the decline & fall of the Roman Empire" — divided into three Periods, the last of which ends with the taking of Constantinople in 1453 — as the first commences with the age of Trajan & the Antonines. — To You, whose brain the Genius of History seems to have chosen for her common-place book, it may appear not so

... an undertaking to fill up the long interval between ancient & modern history, but to a mortal of the inferior class I belong to, supporting the heavens, Hercules like, for a whole day would be almost as easy. — I can conceive however, that some parts of this work will be of a Nature to Compensate the kind of the Author for the difficulties he must encounter in groping his way through such a Chaos ~~in~~ the fall of a mighty Empire, which had known no bounds but ~~the habitable~~ those of the habitable Globe, one while giving way to the gentle but ~~~~ prevailing influence of Luxury, & then precipitated by the cruelty, the ambition, & the ~~madness~~ folly of so many tyrants, & imperial madmen; the decline of paganism, & rise of Christianity; the Roman Eagle supplanted by the Cross, the implacable spirit of the God of Moses succeeding to the tolerating principles of Polytheism, & Horace, Virgil & Cicero buried in the lonely retreats of a solitary convent. — The History of the Crusades will lead him to consider the Situation of all Europe at that ~~~~ period, & we shall see afterwards the Turks starting from the eastern confines of the Caspian sea, & rendering themselves as formidable to the poor remains of the Roman Empire, as ever their Ancestors the ~~Huns~~ had been; — when tired with so many scenes of blood, with what pleasure will he paint Mankind relapsing by degrees out of ~~the~~ ignorance & barbarism, & gradually improving in Commerce, Arts, sciences, police & cultivation? — This Work, if ever finished, will be comprised in four volumes; one only is published, & I hope the success of it will encourage the Author to Continue. —
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of Hadrian, & the gentle repose of Antoninus Pius. — He then describes
in the most masterly manner the Military establishment of the Romans, their
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the whole Roman Empire, ~~describes~~ paints the union & prosperity that blessed
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different sects of Philosophers, a description of Rome, filled with so many
Monuments of Private Munificence, which contributed to the health, devo
tion, or pleasures of all its Citizens in common. — Then comes the constitu=
tution of the Roman Empire — Augustus reigning with the titles of the
ancient Magistrates, & surrounding his throne with darkness in order to
conceal his irresistable ~~dr~~ strength — Tiberius &c: — for here I hear You
cry ~~say~~ — In sylvam non ligna feras insanius — suffice it then to say that
having won the heart of his reader with the beauty of his Style (of which
I will give You some examples) & enlarged his mind with so many great objects he takes up the thread of his history at
the death of Marcus Aurelius. — As to his Style — it is elegant,
harmonious, & correct; ~~an~~ an ordinary reader may understand it, but a Clas=
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This last furnishes him as You may imagine with many profound views, & the
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of the Romans, their pleasures &c: — Now for some examples — 'In accounting

for the Romans not penetrating in the Northern parts of this island - his words are "The Masters of the fairest, & most wealthy climates of the Globe turned with Contempt from Gloomy Hills assailed by the Winter tempest, from lakes concealed in a blue mist, & from cold & lonely heaths, Where the deer of the forest were chased by a troop of naked Barbarians". Speaking of the Religious peace which prevailed among the various provinces of the Roman Empire - he says - "The Various modes of Worship which prevailed in the Roman World were all considered by the People as equally true, by the Magistrates as equally useful, & by the Philosophers as equally false" — Mentioning the remains of Roman buildings in the East — he figuratively & elegantly expresses himself thus - "The remains of Antiquity, scattered over uncultivated fields, & ascribed by ignorance to the power of Magick, scarcely afford a shelter to the oppressed Arab, or Wandering Shepherd" —— Well! I think You have had enough of Mr Gibbon for this time —— To add only one thing - the peace establishment of Adrian was of 375000 men; what an idea does not this give us of the efforts of Louis 14 & the present King of Prussia, when We consider what little proportion there is between the Kingdoms of the two Kings together, & the Roman Empire —

19th - Since my writing the above I have rendered your friend Pierre very happy; I have got a place for him in an American family - he is to be out of livery, which above all things he desired, to have 10/6 board Wages a week & 20 guineas a Year - his Master, who is a Man of very great estate in Carolina proposes returning there next Winter. The Pierre says he will follow him if they

he finds that he can be happy in his service — Should he go to America I must have not the least doubt of his making his fortune there, provi ded he behaves well. for as he writes a good hand, & understands accounts he will soon become very Necessary to his Master ——— Howe has retreated from the Jersies, in order, as people imagine, to fall upon the New England Provinces, from Whence Washington has been supplied almost intirely — There is great reason — indeed I should say it is certain, that Ticonderoga is taken, in that case Burgoyn & Howe will form a junction; & carry every thing before them — The English General Who Commanded at New Rhode island has been surprised at his Country = house, & run away with in his shirt by a Party of Americans — My Brother in Law, I find, sent me over some Indigo last Year, it was taken I suppose by a King's ship — he must be a Sovereign blockhead Not to have written me word of it by ten or eleven different Ships — I have not however lost all hopes of it — I have seen a great Many persons (Exiles) Who saw my Sister & my Mother very little time before they left Carolina, They were well, but did not Choose to Write — Adieu, my Cimbrian — I received a very Kind letter from Knight the other day — He is by this time in Switzerland — I will enclose a letter for him in one to you — I think of

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Paid 12^{d}

Monsieur

Monsieur Muller

Ches Monsieur Emanuel Haller

Libraire Vallerse ~~Berne~~

La Suisse

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I have not written to You within these eight days past, in hopes by wai-
ting a little to send You some good news respecting my situation, which
notwithstanding all the Charms that Your laboured exaggeration gave
it, is by no means an eligible one. – A ~~few days~~ week ago I received
the following short note from Mr Boone "Let me know tomorrow
morning, ~~whether~~ You would accept of a Pension if You could get it".
I called upon him next morning, & without hesitation said Yes, though I
doubted our being able to bring it about – He cherished better hopes; &
shewed me ~~the~~ Copy of a letter, which he had written to Lord North,
though he waited for my Consent in order to send it – It was to
remind hi[illegible] of the intention he had expressed to seize the first
opportuni[illegible]g of service to Me, & pointing out to him a share
of the Emoluments of an office in the Customs, which is just become va-
cant, & which with many others, is generally disposed of in a
manner to gratify two people at once – Away the Letter went;
as yet We have had no answer, & when it comes, if it does come at all,
it will very probably contain an excuse – Oh, My dear Miller,
what a fool I am! I should have taken part with my country
men from the first, I might then have become something in the
end – As to Studying the Law here, I can not bring my mind to it,
or indeed to study any thing at Present – One may say of a Lawyer or
a Politician as well as a Poet – Hume – Anxietate carens animus facit [illegible]

What Care ~~my estate~~ is taken of my estate in Carolina I know not, but I have no great opinion of My Brother in Law's prudence — He has been so rediculous to engage in trade, which may very possibly be the ruin of him some day or another, & as — if I was to dye without a will, he would come in for a share of of my estate, which it would be in his power to leave out of the family to his Children by his first Wife, I am determined, ~~by the~~ nor do I act without the best advice to make a will. — I have given a copy of my Father's last Will & testament to a Counsellor, in order to know exactly how much of the Estate it is in my power to dispose of; that being done, I shall set me down gravely & make a will myself, by which I intend to leave every thing to my My Brother, chargeable only with 100£ a Year to that great Personnage the little Historian. Now don't You flatter Yourself, that I intend to dye very soon,

Nec diis Amicum est, nec mihi — Me prius
Obire ——— It is well however to provide against accidents — Affairs go on tolerably well in America — You have doubtless read by this time the account of the taking of Ticonderoga, to add to which, it is currently reported that the Americans have also fled from Fort Edward, with some loss, & that Burgoyne can not be far from Albany; some indeed venture to say that he is there: the only fear is, that Washington

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having no longer Howe in face will go & meet Burgoyne with infinitely superior numbers.— As to Howe— his very officers know nothing of his intentions— I saw a letter from one of them to day, dated from on board the Fleet, which was just getting under sail— "Our General, says he, has embarked us with a view no doubt of conquering some new country, but whether it lies to the north, or to the South he alone knows. I suspect that he has Philadelphia in view, & that we shall enter Chesapeake-bay— whenever we go I make no doubt of our succeeding as we are 14000 as fine troops as can be in the World— the strictest orders have been issued to respect the Property of individuals"— I wish he would go to Boston ——— You must be astonished at my still dating my letters from London, instead of being in Shropshire— The reason is this— When L. Clive first arrived in England I was upon the Point of setting out for Hambourg, upon my return, he wrote me word that he should not be at home till the twentieth of this Month— I have not heard from Him since— but expect a letter every day.— It seem'd best upon second thoughts to know your opinion of the Matter before I mention'd your travelling with Him— So that I have been as yet silent upon that head.— I think from my heart the thing may take Place, nothing could be better for You.— Pierre is gone to France with his Master

I have almost finished Mr Gibbon, & am now entered into the part which gives so much offence to the godly, who think that it is a degradation of Providence to show the Natural Causes of the Propagation of the Christian Religion — One thing that has Provoked them also is the light he has put the much talked of Persecutions in; he has proved in the first place that they have been considerably exaggerated, & then ventures to extenuate the crime of those Emperors & governors of Provinces, who were desirous of preventing the Propagation of an obscure sect, which threw a gloomy shade over the manners of its adherents, inspired them with such principles as were subversive of the established government, (for there is a letter of Tertullian's advising the Soldiers to desert) & made them abandon the temples of those ancient heroes, who in the infancy of the World had invented arts & instituted laws, to choose for the Exclusive object of their religious Worship an obscure teacher, who in a recent age, & among a Barbarous People had fallen a sacrifice to the Malice of his Own Countrymen — He gives an idea of the civil government of the Church in its infancy, & of the Gradual change that took place in the Manners of the Christians — without giving credit to the horrid pictures that some Pagan Authors have drawn of them — He laments in the most eloquent Manner the loss Christianity

sustained ~~by the incredulity~~ in of Pliny, Tacitus, Galen, Plutarch, Epict[etus]

& Marcus Aurelius, all of whom overlooked, or rejected the perfection of the Christian System, & ~~the~~ by their language or their silence express their contempt for the growing sect, which in their time had diffused itself over the Roman Empire — "But how shall we explain or excuse the supine & inattention of the ~~Philos~~ Pagan, & Philosophick world to those evidences which were presented ~~to them~~ by the hand of Omnipotence, not to their reason, but to their senses?" — ~~He~~ then follows a short recapitulation of the Miracles of Christ & his disciples, — without ~~omitting an account~~ forgetting of the Preternatural darkness of the Passion — & he expresses his astonishment that such a remarkable event, which ought to have excited the wonder, the curiosity & the devotion of the World should pass unnoticed in the age of Science & History, of Seneca, & the Elder Pliny. ——. Though the Style of Gibbon is not so concise as ~~yet~~ that of Tacitus, yet he has endeavoured to form himself in other respects upon that admirable Model — Like ~~Him~~ He now & then relieves the Mind of the reader from scenes of blood & Cruelty, by an episode, which is agreeable, & instructive at the same time — & they both ~~have~~ give the same Philosophick stamp to ~~all~~ their ideas. — Adieu — My dearest! — I should like to have been with You upon that island in the Lake of Bienne, Heavens! how Courageous You are grown to venture up to Your Knees in the Water — My Love to B— I cannot write to his Cousin, but I will Mention Him to My mother — He will certainly be taken in his passage — I have an opportunity of writing to Augustus

Port 8 [illegible]

Monsieur

Monsieur Muller

Chez Monsieur de Bonstetten du Conseil Souverain

Valeires près de ~~Berne~~ [illegible]

Switzerland

London — Sep 3th - 77 163/164

Your last, my Good Friend, was dated 7th of August, since then not a line. I suppose that You having been passing Your time very much to Your satisfaction, setting down before B's door with Tacitus in Your hand two hours before he opens it, clambering up rocks, discovering unknown villages, & losing Yourself in some thick wood. — Not a word from the high Priest as yet, the danger is that he will never open our letters, for it is a known fact that letters from the first people in England have lain months together untouched upon his table. This is the Most Critical moment that has ever occurred since the beginning of the American War — Howe has certainly bent his course for ~~Chesapeake~~ Philadelphia by the way of Chesapeake Bay, if so, Washington will be between two armies, either of which will, I hope, be able to beat him — You can scarce imagine the Contempt the Hessians labour under on account of that unlucky affair at Trenton, where it seems they were all drunk: Heister their General could scarce be prevailed upon to eat or drink for many days after; it was at his request that the advanced post, as the post of honour, had been given to the Hessians; the Howes did every thing & said every thing in their power to comfort him. — I am very well satisfied at Burgoine's progress, his 4000 Indians will be of infinite service — besides the resemblance one always finds between two savage Nations, there are several strong

characteristical traits common to the American Indians, the North
ones I mean, & the Ancient Germans — among others ~~the~~ an insatiable
love of gaming — The Indians frequently lose at play every thing to
the very Clothes upon their backs. — They are a singular people, & as=
tonish one by the strangest mixture of resolution & cowardice, treach
ery & Generosity. — ~~The~~ Indians scarce ever dares to face an enemy, their
method is to ~~lay~~ be in Ambush, & for each warrior to fire from be=
hind a tree — & yet, Make one of them prisoner, & torture him, not a groan, not
a tear, no not a sigh shall steal from him to confess the weak=
ness of Human Nature under the Most exquisite torments. —
~~He~~ A Gentleman told me yesterday a singular instance of perfidi
ousness, & honour — A Party of Indians surrounded a small fort
about four hundred & fifty miles from Charlestown; the Garrison
having consumed all their provisions, capitulated, & the Indians
promised to let them march in Safety towards the English
settlements — They had scarce marched ten miles, when they were
attacked by a number of the enemy so very superior to theirs, that
resistance was in vain — Many of the Common Soldiers were im=
mediately killed or made slaves of, & the officers either knocked in
the head also, ~~one~~ or reserved for a more cruel fate — Whilst these
Savage Conquerors were exulting in their victory, & tearing off each
a bloody trophy from the head of an enemy, one of them happened by

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chance to cast his eyes upon a Young officer, one of the few who was left alive, & knew him for a person who many Years ago before had rendered him some trifling service — without pausing an instant he flew to him, ~~side~~ placed himself at his side, brandished his tomihawk & swore he would protect him to the last drop of his blood — The others, awed by his behaviour, ~~consented~~ acquiesced on condition of his making the Officer his slave; but his generosity was not satisfied with saving his friend's life; the Next day he made off with him, & by roads known only to himself, conducted him safe within the English Settlements —— Have You had patience to read this long Story? I thought it a very interesting one, when it was told me. — If You love me, my good Muller, say nothing more about the Law, or I will certainly quote Your own words upon You; no one ever expressed a greater abhorrence for the study of the Law, than You do in some of Your first letters to me — What Can have made such a change in You, or why that mask upon Your real sentiments, that air of mystery — Je viens de recevoir trois lettres de personnes &c: — Surely You did not think that I should pay more attention to the ~~wise~~ advice of three unknown persons? — How comes it that You have not received Your Apollo? for if You had, You would doubtless seal with it. Dupan gave it to the Milkmaid — whom I advise You to lay with if You

can, I was twice upon the very point of doing it, but was interrupted both times; once, If I remember right, by thee — I go in to Shropshire next tuesday; I received a letter from L C the other day, who pretends he has been expecting me some time, how the devil was I to know that he was at his own home? — I am sorry that I did not go sooner, I hate London from my soul in summer time, & then ones chastity is in danger at every step. — I am acquainted with a sweet, pretty girl, with black eyes, & a sensible look; but it costs me as much to pass one night with her, as it would to purchase all the Maidenheads that remain within 30 miles of Berne — Do you think of returning to Gentbod? I suppose so; I wish Haller may be as good as his word, there can never be any harm in trying — Should you go to Paris, & get into good Company, it may be of service to you in many respects. — never attempt the man of the World (which is what I say to myself) but be the Man of Letters only —— So many American Exiles are perpetually arriving that my time has been terribly taken up of late — I read Smollets History of England — from the Revolution in 88 — hear what he says of your Hero — "William was a fatalist in religion, indefati=gable in war, enterprising in politics, dead to all the warm & generous emotions of the human heart, a cold relation, an indifferent husband, a disagreeable man, an ungracious Prince, & an imperious Sovereign" ——

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What Think You of this fine picture? I must tell You that Smollet was a man of strong feelings, much knowlege of the world, & some learning — he has written two or three good novels, but his talents were greatly inadequate to History, & moreover he Wrote for Bread. Whenever Your history comes over to England, I shall send a copy of it to Mr Gibbon — Mr Boone's offer of advancing You the necessary money for printing it, is a very friendly one; You may possibly wish to know Whether I think You should accept of it —

— Yes — for he would Never have made an offer that he was not both Willing & able to Make good. — . this would leave thee leisure to polish ~~myf~~ Your French, & I could Wish from my heart it ~~were~~ all Your own; for as I shall never be able to read the German, ~~it would~~ the ~~identity~~ seeing Your ideas through the medium of anothers translation would considerably diminish the pleasure I should take in reading ~~it~~ a work which has been partly formed if not ~~so~~ by my assistance, at least under my Eyes — My Love to Bonstetten, & my respects to his fair Moitié — Write to Me — & address as usual ——

I have just done dinner, nor has the greatly Magninae finished devouring what remained of my Mutton; I have a bottle of Wine before me a glass of one side, & Montague on the Other — Your good health, my dear little historian, I drink Bd glass ——— Adieu ———

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Monsieur

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Monsieur Muller — chez Monsieur de

Bonstetten du Conseil Souverain &c: &c: —

à Valleire ~~Berne~~

Pour La Suisse

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don't you remember my giving you an account of my voyage to Hambourg, in company with an opera Girl & her Mother? I dare say you do - & If I mistake not I told you, that the voyage being long, the lady pretty, & the provisions salt, I had made desperate love to Her, but all to no purpose for She went away a Vestal for me - the other I received the following letter from her. you have it word for word, letter for letter. Mon cher Monsieur - Quand Je pense aux momens heureux, que J'ai passée avec vous pendant notre petit voyage, aux vœux que vous m'avez addressé, & aux offres obligeans que vous m'avez fait, Je ne puis assez regretter le pas que J'ai fait en quittant l'Angleterre: il est vrai que le Prince (She writes from Cassel) se conduit envers nous autres de la façon la plus polie, que nous sommes monté sur un ton bien plus haut qu'on n'est ordinairement chez vous et que du coté du revenu Je n'ai rien à souhaiter - enfin tout me reussit au dela de mes esperances les plus flatteuses, on me suit, on m'admire, on me recherche, mais avec tout cela Je ne suis heureuse: Quand on a le cœur bien epris, & qu'on est loin de ce qu'on aime, ni les biens de la fortune, ni l'accueil gracieux du prince que Je sers, ni les applaudissemens d'un genereux Public, ne puissent dedommager de ce que J'ai perdu en vous quittant - Enfin Mon cher Monsieur, Je me suis Brouillée avec ma mere sur votre compte, & si vous continuez à avoir les memes sentimens pour moi que vous m'avez temoigné autre fois, Je suis prete à sacrifier toutes mes esperances, & un honnete etablissement, & venir vous trouver, & vous suivre meme en Amerique, quand les affaires de votre pais vous permettront d'y ~~vo~~ retourner - J'attends votre reponse - & en attendant suis toute à vous -

Heloise de Camp -

Tell me what you think of this letter, but show it to no one as you love me. I shall tell you soon what answer I have - made - adieu - I have written to Madame but never fail saying every thing right - I love them sincerely - M: te salue -

Monsieur

Monsieur Muller

Ches Monsieur Bonnet de Genthod

Geneve

Here have I been ten days, my Muller, without being able to find
a moment to write to You, in this time I have received Your three
last of the 19th—22d—& 29th of August— as to Your three marks of ~~[illegible]~~
~~[illegible]~~ of oblivion I see them with as much pleasure, as ever Noah be=
held the olive branch in the mouth of the dove —×××—
I left London last tuesday week, & lay that night at Mr Neville's, who
received me very hospitably, shook me cordially by the hand, & enqui=
red into the detail of my little affairs in a manner that convinced
me that he wished me very well.— His house is an old family seat, so
filled with ancestors, that I thought myself removed at least a cen=
tury back at the sight of their ruffs & beards. before the door is a
long Walk of old oaks, under Which an assembly of Druids might
meet; in short every thing bears the appearance of the remotest
antiquity in the midst of abundance.— From Mr N's I proceeded
through Oxford, to Woodstock— Need I tell You what I felt
at the sight of Oxford, so long renowned for learning, & so celebrated
for its attachment to Charles 1st. The town is almost entirely
taken up with colleges, which though not master=pieces of architec=
ture, become interesting to a stranger from the great names they
have sent forth into the World, & from those who founded them.
As it was a fine day, I wanted to be sure of seeing Blenheim, which is

8 miles off -, & so deferred seeing a part of Oxford till my return - as I was walking through a long gallery hung with the portraits of such as had particularly distinguished themselves, my Cicerone desired me to observe one among the rest - who, added he, "wrote the oriental Languages" — Blenheim, the Glorious recompense ~~of~~ granted ~~of~~ by the Queen & Parliament to the victories of the duke of Malborough, is situated near Woodstock, an ancient town, where the Kings of England formerly resided ~~& passed~~ for some months of the Year, — where Henry 2d amused himself with his fair Rosamond, & where Queen Elizabeth was confined during the reign of her Sister. The House, or rather the palace, is a heavy mass of building, the rooms of ~~building~~ are magnificent, & hung with tapestry on which are represented the Campaigns of Malborough, & the whole has an air of grandeur. - on one side is a beautiful lawn interspersed with old oaks, & clumps of other trees, with the happiest variety of light & shade, where art has all the sweetness of Nature, & Nature all the correction & refinements of Art. - on the other ~~is another~~ the lawn ~~and~~ slopes gently down, & ends with a noble piece of Water, that the Thames itself might envy, & the opposite banks rises covered with a thick forest; whilst the column on which the exploits of Malborough are engraved, shows itself above the tops of the trees & reminds one at every moment of the deathless ~~a~~ deeds of our English Hero - At every step

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along the ~~banks the scene changes~~ walk which hangs over the piece of Water I mentioned to You, the scene changes, & now & then a village & now a boundless view ~~over~~ an open cultivated Country, & now a cascade please & surprise by turns. — upon a point of land, which is almost entirely surrounded with Water, stood till the Caprice of the old dutchess of ~~Mall~~ Malborough had them removed, a few scattered ruins of the old Palace of woodstock, & Lovers even now may drop a tear to the memory of poor Rosamond, whose bath is still shown to travellers, & who is said to have fallen a sacrifice to the jealousy of the Wife of Henry in a little grove that stood hard by — I arrived at Oakley Park the night of the third day after my departure from London; Lord Clive was from home but had left orders that I should be entertained, with a letter telling me to join him at Shrewsbury, for which I sat off the next day — I had time however before the Chaise came to the door in the Morning to observe how advantageously his house is situated in point of prospect, to admire the size of the oaks, & the ruins ~~seen~~ of an old abbey which appear through the trees — Shrewsbury is a very antient City, situated, as Berne, in a Peninsula formed by the Severne, & famous for the victory gained over Piercy by Henry 4th — There happened to be a Procession the very day I arrived headed by Lord Clive, who with his Cortege

marched gravely towards the Church to hear a Charity Sermon preach
ed by A Clergyman, who did not if one may judge from the unmerciful
length of his discourse entertain one grain of that Amiable Virtue
in behalf of his Audience — The Place I am now now at is the
Cradle of the Family, but the house is no more like what the
ancient one was, than the Present Lord Clive is like his god
grandfather. — Our Party consists of the Lord, his Uncle, a
country Gentleman a man of Sense, but who drinks a great deal
too Much, with his Wife who is a very pretty Woman. — We eat,
hunt, drink, & sleep, with very little either of reading or writing.
the View of a beautiful Landshape, sheep & Cattle wandering
over the meadows, the Country People reaping the fruits of
their Labour, & the scenes of a rural life are very refreshing to a
Man who had heard the noise of Coaches for so many months
together, & seen the faces of so many discontented Americans
every day of his life. — Maquinac is delighted to find him=
self here, but what astonishes me is his strange predilection
for his native Country; the Most energical way he had of expres=
sing his admiration as we travelled together at the sight of the
richest prospects that ever presented themselves to the human

eye, was by observing combien cela ressembloit au Pays de Vaud! —
We dined at a Gentleman's house in the neighbourhood the other day, where we met My Lord Huntingdon, an agreeable well informed Man — He speaks very handsomely of Bonstetten. He repeated four verses to us, sent, as it is said, with the present of a white Rose from One of the York faction to his Mistress, Who was biassed the Contrary Way, during the wars of those Rival families — Except a little harshness in the 2d verse, Nothing was ever more happily expressed

If this fair Rose offends thy sight,
It in thy bosom wear,
T'will blush to find itself less white,
And turn Lancastrian there —————

I must now wish You good Night; Expect to hear from me soon, & pertinently with respect to your my plan of your travelling with Ld Clive, My hopes are not, I must confess, as sanguine as before — I never told You Mr Boone repeated &c: — I only said he Might. What think You of his proposition of Advancing You the Money necessary to print Your French? — My Love to B— The Lord has just rec: a let: from [illegible]

16 Monsieur

Monsieur Muller — chez Monsieur de Bonstetten du Conseil Souverain &c:

à Valleyre ~~Berne~~

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Whilst we remained at Styke I could scarce find time to Write to You, but I hope now to lead a more regular life, & to write to You very often. I have Yours of Valeiro 9th Sep: — The People, & particularly the Gentry, in this part of England drink excessively, & pass a great part of their life at table: this joined to the nature of their amusements, which, with now & then a little smack of politicks, ~~make all their~~ furnish all their topicks of Conversation, makes a stranger feel himself a little awkward amongst them. By the by I am tired of being a stranger where~~so~~ever I go, & should long to return to Carolina were it for no other end than to enjoy the pleasing sensation of loving & being loved by those about me — As Mr Boone forwards me Your letters, & always adds something in the Cover from himself, he would certainly have informed me, had he received an answer from Lord ~~North~~ — the nature of the service I rendered him, if it can be called one, makes it impossible for me to repeat my application, so that I may now bid a long farewell to all my hopes of greatness — I am convinced as I told You in ~~one~~ of my ~~late~~ last, that the letter lies unopened upon his ta[ble] for he would otherwise have certainly taken notice of it, though he might not have complyed with our request. I endeavoured once to read Shakespear with You, but it would not do; he is almost as full of inconsistency & absurdity as any of our poets, but there does come a flight of Genius now & then which ~~soars above all~~ makes him soar above them all — Can any thing be finer than these lines spoken by Wolsey upon his disgrace —

"Farewel, a long farewel to all my greatness!
This is the State of Man; to day he puts forth
The tender leaves of hope, to Morrow blossoms,
And bears his blushing honours thick upon him:
The Next day comes a frost, a killing frost,
And when he thinks, good easy man, full surely
His greatness is a ripening, nips his root,
And then he falls as I do."

But Wolsey had, as he says himself,
—— "once trod the ways of glory
And sounded all the depths & shoals of honour —
Whilst I am nipt in the bud — it is still in my power however to be happy, which I ~~certainly~~ hope I shall be in Carolina one day or another, You scold me very often for not

speaking more of myself in my letters — all this is very friendly, but methinks You might very well conceive of how little importance the events of such a useless life as mine are; whenever any thing encourages my hopes I communicate them to You, & If I thought we should either of us reap any satis-faction by my expatiating upon the reasons I have to be dissatisfied with my situation in life, in Whose bosom, think You, I would sooner pour out my whole heart, than in Yours? — Were I called upon to give a new definition of liberty, I should say, it consisted in seeing all the branches of power concentered in a very small part of a very small town, exclusive of the other part, & of an extensive tract of country, of not being judged by one's pairs, & of in not enjoying the liberty of the press — This should be my definition, for such is the situation of a considerable portion of that people are looked upon as blessed with liberty above all others: why Your book, after passing through the hands of Mr Tscharner, will be terribly curtailed, if he goes on as he has begun; I will not pretend to advise You what to do, You are upon the spot, & understand these matters, infinitely better than I do. — To day is Sunday, — almost all the Servants are, I believe, gone to Church, & the Lord to pay a visit to his Mother Lady Clive, who lives about twelve miles off, so that I have the whole house to myself; though I know You abominate descriptions, yet I am determined to give You of one the Prospect to be seen from the window near which I am now writing, but I must wait for a clear day. — Yesterday I received a very kind letter from Titchenberk, to whom I had recommended an American family that proposed making some stay at Bruxelles; — he calls himself a thousand names for not writing to us both, & asks very kindly after You — I had told him in my letter to him that I was

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at a loss for employment, as I could not reconcile my mind to the only sort which lay open to me, & added something of my cherishing other hopes — in his annual answer to me — "With regard, says he, to what You tell me of Your future plans, I am too much a Courtier (by profession) to contradict Your resolutions en face, but experto crede that there is no business, or labour, mental, or bodily, which is so completely fatiguing both to the body, & mind, as a life of Idleness." ——

What he says, is what every Man of sense would — Happy the Man who can employ his mind with objects that are agreeable to him! —

I am sorry, my dear friend, that I can not flatter myself with the hope of Your travelling with L. C—, I have indeed been able to get but very little out of him upon that subject, owing to the Crowd that perpetually surrounds him, & to ~~the~~ my timidity, You may call it so if You please, when I ask any thing for my friend, or myself — The way I went about it, was this; I desired to know whether, when he asked You to accompany him to England, he had any intention of carrying You over the Continent also; & he said none.

At all events he will never suspect but that the proposition comes entirely from Me, which indeed is the truth. —— The final of this in my next ——

Adieu, for the present. I wish from my heart, we may be ever able to live together again — the happiest days of my life were spent with You —

The More intimately I know L: Clive ~~the~~ more I like him, he has not much ~~idea~~ imagination, but a great deal of good sense, & is very ~~susceptibl~~ susceptible of friendship. —— I intend to put a note under those words of Pliny that You quote at the end of one of Your letters, for should it ever fall into any ~~m~~ other persons hands I should be thought not to have liked Italy, & be looked upon as a Goth — Did I not reverence &c: ? — had I not before my eyes &c: ? ——

Monsieur

Monsieur Muller

Chez Monsieur de Bonstetten de Valeires

du Conseil Souverain &c: à Valleyre

~~Berne~~

I am afraid that this letter is very dangerous —
but I promise a better one soon —
How do you like the head of Cromwel I seal with?

All that thou accusest me of, my sweet little historian, il mio dolce piccolo historico, is strictly true, I have certainly been rather neglectful of late, & have let 15 whole days slide away without once writing to You — This is in answer to Yours of the 9th — written just as You were setting out upon Your expedition with B & T —: As Numbers have doubtless broken their necks down Mount Brunich since we were there, I flatter myself that Your sage countrymen will have putte up rails in every dangerous place, & that thy sweet little person will escape unhurt. God grant that You have not been tempted by the excellence of that balmy liquor to swill too much of it, the Coffee of Lungeren I mean, & that You have not put in execution the deadly project which You ruminated upon about a Year ago in the same place. Pendant que tu fouille les anciens monumens, je ne fouille que les bois; tu parcoure la carriere de la gloire, & cherche a te distinguer, & moi de mon coté Je parcoure — les prés voisins pour chercher des lievres; tu goute la Musique de la renommée, & moi J'entends celle du Clavecin. — in short No two lives can be more different, though no two hearts can be more alike — Morte — addio — that is to say my hopes from that quarter, I am determined not to make or let any one make another application from Me to L—N — As soon as I can I will go to Ameri

ca, as soon as my affairs are settled, I shall return to Europe, travel a little, & then retire to my Paternal habitation, there to be employed in getting children, & planting trees, leaving it to You to Come & teach the first, & bask under the last,; as soon as You Please. — When ~~does~~ is Your history to gladden my eyes? when it does, I shall change ~~my~~ your apellation, & call You no longer the full Moon, but the rising sun, so make haste — After what I have said in the last Page, it is needless to add that I read very little; l'Esprit de la Ligue, & part of Tasso, with now & then a few lines in Horace, have filled up my reading hours for these five weeks past, that is to say ever since I have been With Lord Clive — I am in love with Erminia — Argantes is an original character, & one sees throughout - The — d'ogni Dio sprezzator, e che ripone
Nella spada sua legge, e sua ragione.

You would scarce imagine ~~fo~~ how much of Voltaire's Pucelle, is taken from Tasso, the burning of Dorothée, or rather the tying her to the stake, the flight of Agnes in the armour of Jeanne, The Castle where they all lose their senses, &c: &c: — I don't mean by this to depreciate ma chere Pucelle, for these imitations, by

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the different turn Voltaire gives them, add considerably to the harmour of the whole. — What can be more tender than the Words of Erminia? — Some one, says she, may one day or another visit this solitary spot — E rivolgendo gli occhi, ove sepolta Giacera questa spoglia inferma, e frale, Tardo premio conceda a' miei martiri, Di Poche lagrimette, e di sospiri. —

Not to throw away this little space I must tell You that Your Apollo has contracted a very rustick look, & has the air of a Paysan Bernois; I will send You my Cromwel ~~[illegible]~~ —

I am no longer at Oakley Park but at Walcot another house of Lord Clive's in the same county — & as beautifully, if not more beautifully situated — the House at the foot of a high hill, a noble piece of Water in the Valley before, a shady wood of venerable oaks behind, & at the top of the hill the vestiges of an old British Camp, where Caractacus once bid defiance to the Enemies of his Country, & for a Moment checked the career of the Roman Eagle. — L. C. has a Mother — & three Sisters (his Brother is from home) who form the most amiable family I ever Was in — & yet do I often wish for You — I have no one to whom I can unbosom Myself, as formerly in our solitary walks; Do You remember our little garden, & the Chemin de Velure? — Do Yo remember also my Putting You upon the gate, & Your not being able to Get down again? — with all our ~~[illegible]~~ feelings — chanchemens de cœur — ~~[illegible]~~ disputes &c:! —

There is another Visiter in the house besides myself a
Sr Robert Gunning late Minister in Russia — The Great
Peter Proceeded too fast with his subjects, & endeavoured
to do by suddenly, what would have been the, slow indeed, but
sure effect of a number of well judged institutions —
The Russians have never passed that middle state, which gene
rally imparts a sort of energy to a Nation, & forms for some
time a barrier against corruption — From Barbarians they
are become Frenchmen, — I speak of the polished part of the
nation, which comprehends the Court, & some of the inhabitants
of the Mercantile towns, — from Bears — Monkies ——
The only thing attended to in the education of a Young Noble=
man is the acquisition of French, & as a Proof of this, two
French footmen whom S. R. G. carried over with him, were both
Preceptors in Noble families, when he left the Country — it
is the same with almost every French Shoe black they
can pick up. — Mass is said in the ancient Sclavonian which not two
Priests in ten, & none of the People understand, & the Russian
language, which is a very fine one is Universally despised.
L— C— has in his Park the offspring of a Zebra whom the late Lord
brought from India — It was a female but never would permit a

stallion to come near it — They thought at last of a scheme to make
her procreate — they painted a well made ass exactly like a Zebra
with black & white streaks; this succeeded so well, that the
ass not only deflowered the fair stranger, but was immediately
afterwards stolen out of the Park by some one or another who took
him for the real Zebra. — Some accident of this sort no
doubt gave Numa the idea of his fictitious Shields ——
The Present Zebra is very tame & comes into the house for bread —
What a Century this is, we have seen a Naval fight in the middle
of a Continent, Hessians combating upon the banks of the Mohawk
River, & the Son of a Wild Ass from the wilds of India breakfasting with Ld C
at Walcot —— Whenever there happens a little pause
in my correspondence — Say not "Je suis inquiet" — but
"Eveille toi" as you would, if I was fallen asleep in your
Company —— Ld C— does not certainly carry Fraser with him,
indeed he does not appear to have any one in his eye, some
man of the World, who had travelled a great deal would
be the thing for him — "Adieu Mon piccolo — my rising
Sun — ~~[illegible]~~ —— Write to Me — No News
but what is uncertain — but very good hopes — Burgoine
moves like a torrent — Howe is too much like a lake — & a fathom-
-less one —— Adieu dearest — Walcot — Octob: 12th — 77

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Monsieur

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Monsieur Muller

Ches Monsieur de Bonstetten de Valeire

du Conseil Souverain &c: à ~~Berne~~

à Valleire

S C— often Speaks of you— his Compliments—

It written by himself — 145

Hic Jaceo - Johan: Foster - S:T:P:
Vindesoriæ Natus An: D —
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Etonæ hauseram, Cantabrigiæ
in Collegio Regali excolui,
Etonæ postea docui.
Qui sim ex hoc marmore cog=
nosces, qualis vero cognosces
alicubi; eo scilicet supremo
tempore quo egomet qualis et
tu fueris, - cognoscam ——
Abi Viator,
Et fac sedulo ut Ipse ibidem
Bonus tunc Appareas.

i.e. the School did not succeed under Him

Mr Boone who was intimately connected with the Father, has
taken Charge of the Son ————

The Letter from Genthod has a certain coldness in it, which I do
not much like —— Adieu – My dear friend —— & give my love to B—

As I hate to send you piece of Paper unwritten upon – I have copied
Foster's epitaph for you – once Master of Eton – a Man of great Learning & of good heart &
but who had not a temper sufficiently even

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Should it end, then or should the least ~~hope~~ step towards a reconciliation be made, the first ship takes me to America — As soon As I have finished this letter to thee, I am going to visit a little boy whose case would move a heart of Stone — Take the whole story — there was a Mr Wragg in Carolina, a man of distinguished worth & what was a still greater phenomenon in that Country, a man of extensive erudition — was forced away with his only Son, & a small part of his property for not Abjuring the King; the vessel he embarked on board of foundered upon the coast of Holland, & he in stepping out of the round house (which is a little cabbin upon deck at the Stern of the Ship) was washed over board by a wave — it had ended ~~him~~ — but he remained ~~in~~ grasping a rope which he had caught in his fall within sight of his friends & his Son for half an hour together without its being possible to give him any assistance ~~for half an hour~~ till he was obliged by weakness to let go his hold, & was buried in the ocean: whilst the Others were expecting their fate, the deck was sudden by forced up by the violence of the waves with the round house upon it, & all of them, except two who shared the same fate with Mr Wragg, were thrown alive upon the beach, the little boy mounted upon the Shoulders of an old Negro Slave who deserted not the Son of his Master in the Moment when every one else was shifting for himself. —

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Chez Monsieur de Bonstetten de Valeires
du Conseil Souverain &c: à ~~Berne~~ Valleire

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On my return home last night I found Yours of the 5th on my table, & snatched it up as a hungry wild beast would his prey, for God knows how idle You have been of late – By humouring the ridiculous jealousies of a parcel of old Women at Berne, Your book will be frittered away to nothing, I am glad however que vous ne la faites pas passer par la Censure, & I wish from the very bottom of my Soul, that it may be condemned to the flames, for then every body will read it. – As to Mr Boone, I am confident he will keep his word, though You should want his assistance for the German, instead of the French edition; when You have settled Your mind upon this Subject, let me know, or rather write me a letter, that I may show to Mr Boone, taking care however that it has not too much that air. – What Say You of Genthod? do You think of returning there? If I were You, I would for a time at least, for You know how fond the Genevois are of speaking of other peoples affairs, & Your keeping away ~~for such a Considerable time~~ so long, would infallibly give rise to a great many surmises, which would end in as many lies – does P – z still live there? but if he does, that should not prevent You from paying them a visit, I shall never forget the obligations we both have to them. – You do right I think in speaking of no one. – And So Switzerland hath been fatal both to Apollo, & Bacchus? that the latter should prefer remaining in a country where he has so many votaries is no wonder, but who ever heard of an Apollo dans le pais de Hasli? il s'y ennuiera bien. – As to the Cromwel which I was to have sent You, it is alass no longer in my power to dispose of him, for I have let the seal fall upon the hearth, & ~~have~~ have cracked his head: But You shall have the Augustus I seal this letter with, it is one of the best I ever saw, & of the manufactory that is so cheap. – would You believe, it cost me only two shillings & a half? — The life I lead at present is negatively

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is to me — There is very often a great deal of eloquence in the remonstrances of the ~~Parlian~~ Parliament of Paris, but it is the eloquence of the ~~Cl~~ Closet, nor is there I believe in any country but this, any vestige of that sort of eloquence which is adapted to a Popular Assembly. — I will endeavour to give you some idea of the Principal Orators, not in pretending to make a formal analysis of each, but by a few little traits. —

Lord North, "ab Jove principium," is a most insinuating Speaker, his voice is thick, & not agreeable, but his manner is infinitely so; he has a great deal of humour, & frequently Wit at Command; the shafts of the Minority have no more effect upon his easy temper, than those of the Trojans had upon the sevenfold shield of Ajax, & he is sure of getting the laugh, which in the house of Commons is every thing, on his side; with all this, he reasons very well has the ~~art~~ knack of putting the best face upon things, & by an artless, easy ~~manner~~ way of arguing never fails giving his hearers a favourable opinion of his integrity as a man, ~~though~~ even when they most disapprove of him as a Minister. — One of the Opposition said a thing of him the other day in the house, which paints his character very well, — "I can not believe, said he, that these reports so prejudicial to the reputation of Gen: Carleton ~~were~~ originated at the Table of the Noble Lord in office; in the first place because he is a good natured Man, & secondly, because I am confident, that business was never known to be the subject of Conversation at his table." ———

You are already acquainted with Mr Burke, by those ~~[illegible]~~ printed speeches of his we saw at Geneva, & if I remember he pleased you very much — for my part I admire his flow of words, his well turned periods & the energy of his expressions, but then he speaks too much, runs from one

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a happy one – I read all the morning, I dress about three, & dine at a Coffee house at four, where I never fail meeting some of my old acquaintance, who live in the same way that I do. – Do You remember a plan for the study of the English history, which You gave me a sketch of some time ago? I have added several articles to it, & am pretty far advanced – As to the Law I never disliked the idea of studying such branches of it, as throw light upon history, & I do assure You that I read over Blackstone, & the state trials with Pleasure. The Ordeal trial, which was introduced by the Saxons, was never formally abolished till Hen: 3d time, one sees however the common sense of our Ancestors begin to revolt against it very early: – A Number of Persons were taken up in Rich: 2d time upon very strong suspicion of having stolen Deer out of the King's Park; they demanded to be adjudged by the ordeal trial, their request was complyed with, & they found means to carry burning irons without ~~injury~~ injury, for there were means & natural ones too, of so doing in those days; when word of this was brought to Richard, he could not contain his indignation, ~~but~~ which burst out in these words – Quid est id? Deus est justus Judex? pereat qui deinceps hoc crediderit. It was the same who upon his ~~Sailors~~ pilot's wanting to turn back in a storm, asked him – if he ever heard of a Kings being drowned? — Westminster Hall where the Parliament meets, & where two or three courts of Justice are held was chiefly built by Richard, who seems to have a fine daring, ferocious, magnificent fellow. – I endeavoured the other day to hear the King deliver his Speech from the throne, but could not get entrance time enough. As to the House of Commons, I am there, whenever it is at all probable that there will be a Debate, I leave You to Judge what a fund of amusement it

thing to another, & repeats the same thing over & over again — like Abbé Reynal he labours under the fault of being too universally eloquent, for he has been known to harangue the Senate with as much apparent zeal, with the same luxuriancy of language, & as long upon making a road, or building a bridge, as ~~he if the most interesting sub~~ he ever does ~~if~~ when a subject connected with the very existence of the Constitution ~~was~~ is the matter of debate. —. One reason why I am not partial to Burke is his having been ~~partial to~~ one of that Administration that repealed the Stamp act, at the same time that they asserted the right of Parliament to tax the Americans, a right which they now attack the Ministry for endeavouring to Establish. — No more characters at present, but I promise to give you from time the most impartial account I can of all our distinguished Men in the two Houses. You shall tell me when to stop. — Adieu, Mon cher Dentilon, it is late, & I must go to bed, unhappy alas! in as much as I shall go alone; which I feel the more, as I have not visited my pretty acquaintance for some time. — Were you, who are so libidinous a Mortal to live in this Babylon, I wonder what would become of you. By the by, I have never touched upon a string, I used to harp upon very much, for some time — comment vont les graces? — Do you still wipe your mouth with your thumb, & stab upon your breeches? & are you still as happy at finding the faults & blemishes of so many great men united in your own sweet Person? — Once more Adieu & be Convinced that if I wish to be independant, it is as much on your account as on my own. — & now I must close mes yeux couleur de Suie. —— 1777 — the latter end of November — God knows le quantieme.

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I shall send the Seal by the first opportunity — tell me how you like the impression, or if you should prefer a Caesar, a Brutus, or a Cicero — I shall send you some of the English Poets in small volumes — My Love to B[illegible]

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Monsieur

Monsieur Mulker —

Chez Monsieur de Bonstetten du Conseil Souverain

ac: ac: Chez Mr Charles Bonnet ~~Vallaise~~ a

a Geneve ~~Berne~~

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Paris – p – Parlement

…ing you at home

Octob: 27th 77

"La Poste, comme on sait, console de l'absence" — says the old man of the Mountain; it is however but a poor consolation, & I would prefer seeing You half an hour to half a dozen letters. — Your's of 7 Oc: from Valeires containing Mad: B's has just reached me in my old quarters near Lincoln's Inn. I need not tell You how agreeably I passed my time in Shropshire; L-Clive has a generous noble Soul, & good solid parts, but Fraser who, though a very Worthy Man, should never have stirred out of the purlieus of a College, has given him a taste for a sort of Knowledge, which has not only stifled his imagination, but taken up moments that he might better have employed in the acquisition of History — A Tincture of Mathematicks is very essential to the education of a Man of the World, & I wish I had it, but a great proficiency in that Science, at the same time that there are but few who ~~with~~ ~~a Man~~ are capable of being sensible of it in another, is apt to have a disagreeable effect upon a Man's conversation in matters that have no sort of relation to it. Frasers way of Arguing was to split a thing into so many parts, that not only the thing itself, but each of its parts became soon invisible to every one but himself. — You will have seen by this time in my letters out of Shropshire ce qui en est of my project of getting You to go travel with L-C— He will not I believe take any one with him, though I could wish that he had some Clever conversable Man who had lived a great deal in the World. —

You do very well to think qu'il ne faut pas parler davantage des Loix
It is a very common thing to advise our friends to do what we should
be utterly incapable of doing ourselves, ingenious as we are ~~to~~ in
always discovering some nice distinction of age, character, or station
to justify the distinction. I am so convinced that the happiness
of Mankind consists more in the gradual acquisition, ~~of~~ than
in the real attainment of any thing, that I am determined to
attempt nothing, the means of acquiring which do not give an
agreeable occupation to my mind: look at the Peerage, I am
told, & half the Nobility are descended from Lawyers, all this is
very true, & but these poor devils, whose families are now so illus-
trious, would never have undertaken the Study of the Law, had
they been able to live by any other Means,— the truth is, they
starved in Garrets unknown, & unnoticed for Years together, & then
blazed a guisa di baleno for a year or two before their death.
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been endowed with the Abilities of a ~~[illegible]~~ Yorke I might be one also
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his aim, which is quite Ovidian — My life in the country was as
you may well imagine a pretty idle one, but it was heaven to me
after the dreary solitude of London; I feel that my affections are
tuned to Society, & even to domestick life, & when I have been reading
all the Morning, I have no greater pleasure than to meet with a
set of pleasing, smiling Countenances at dinner that inspire confidence
& festivity. The share that every individual has in the government
of this country by means of his vote in elections for Members
of Parliament, will even prevent that glaring distinction between
different ranks that is kept up in other countries; I saw proofs of
that at Lord Clive's in the dinners he gave to a parcel of dirty fellows,
in the manner in which he took them by the hand, only because
they were ~~Members~~ inhabitants of Places in which he had Parlia-
mentary interest, or wished to acquire it. — There is a remnant
of the feudal system in many parts of England called a Heriot ~~Heriots, which~~
is a fine paid to the Lord at the death of the Landholder — sometimes
the best piece of furniture, sometimes a jewel, & sometimes the best
Horse, or Ox: L C possesses a great many of these: another & no inconsider-
able part of his income arises from tithes which fell into lay hands at the

Reformation, & his Park, nay the very spot his house stands upon, was formerly the Property of a ~~Brotherhood~~ convent of a Benedictins, the ruins of which are now just discernible through the trees, & serve to adorn the Prospect. The Perpetuity of some things is as astonishing as the insta-bility of Others – I will explain to You what ~~makes me say so~~ I allude to. Not far from Walcot – a house of L^d C^'s, – was a town called Burfield & a Castle, the Lord of which was authorized by a Grant from some of our Kings to levy a sum upon the inhabitants of the district for the support of a Pack of hounds; Our Friend is now in possession of that Seigneurie, & still levys the sum every Year, though both Bur-field & its Castle have disappeared, & No man can say precisely where they stood. The Landholders in a neighbouring district who were oppressed an annual tax by Hen: 4 in 1401 for defending themselves but weakly against the inroads of Owen Glendour, the Welch Chieftan, still continue (~~to~~ in ~~pay~~ their descendants & successors) to pay the same tax every Year to L Clive who is Lord of the Manor – This Methinks would sooth the turbulent soul of Owen Glendour, could he hear of it in the other World. ——. "You will ~~write~~ direct to me perhaps, say You, at Paris in 6 or 7 weeks à moins que nous ne soyons peut etre alors ensemble – Alas – my Muller, I wish I saw any probability of this last; if this infernal War continues what will become of me I know not,

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Bear your banishment quietly, my dear Tully, & look upon me rather as the Humane Generous Caesar who will soon restore to you to every thing you hold dear within the compass of these walls, than as the abandoned Clodius, whose daring Ambition could ill brook the Obstacle, which the drooping genius of Old Rome spirited up against him, in the person of Cicero. — En attendant —

I refer you to the same means of Consolation, that Cicero advises all his friends, in your present deplorable case, to have resource to. You are right about Lords Chesterfields letters, I have often made the Observation to you. A Man Must have no heart not to feel himself in some degree touched, at seeing an untimely death overwhelming at once all the well layed projects of an affectionate father for the advancement of a favourite son, to the completing of whose education he had spared.

Nov: — 13 —

Yours of the 21st of October, reached me two days ago — I feel for You, my friend, & can conceive how mortifying it must be, after labouring whole Years upon one subject, to be checked in Your career by such insects as Vatville & ~~[illegible]~~ Tschärner. In other respects I am not sorry that Your book should be printed at Berlin, as You will there be under no sort of restraint; nor let the fear of offending the jealous Aristocraties of Your native country stop the effusions of truth, or curb the flight of Your genius; cast Your eyes on the other side of the Atlantick, my friend, where, if Peace should ever show its face again, We may yet live for one another. I have been sitting at home all day, pensive, & I could almost say melancholy, leaning the greater part of the time upon my little round table, with the map of America before me, which I have converted into a fire skreen — The flattering news we had a week ago of Howe's success, have not been confirmed by himself, so that the friends of government begin to despond again; a few days however will undoubtedly tell us whether we have reason to rejoice or no, for my part, I make no sort of doubt but what the fate of America is ere this determined. — Should the kingly government be reestablished, I immediately fly home, nor ~~am~~ do I think ~~it possible~~, that one who has near relations whom he tenderly loves, who likes reading, & in whose hands can dispense happiness or misery to numbers, who, though of a different ~~co~~ colour, are still his fellow creatures, can possibly lead an idle, or a disagreeable life. You used to laugh at me in our Walks at Genthod, when I amused myself with sketching out plans for the regulation of my Negroes in Carolina, but alas, my Muller, my ambition has now no other resource, for as to the Law I execrate, & detest it, & as to the more pleasant walks of ambition, my ill fortune, or if You please, my pride & indolence have cut me off from them, happy alone in not having been deluded for any considerable time. — When You reflect seriously upon the matter, do You really think

You should like to go to Carolina with me? You are held I know by few chains that it would be painful to You burst, but then I fear that my own situation upon my first arrival there would be a very unsettled one & that I shall have a terrible quantity of family accounts to ~~settle~~ look over – but be that as it will, I will certainly give You notice of it when I intend setting out for America; I love my Mother & my Sister, but the Presence of a friend would not a little help to dispell the gloomy fogs that hover eternally over our rice fields. the Worst part of the Story is the Climate, which for many months of the Year is a very bad one, but one has always a refuge in going northwards – What ~~has~~ kept me at home to ~~day~~ Yesterday (for this letter as You may perceive was begun last night) was a swelling under my right arm that made it impos=sible for me to put on my coat; I hope however that I shall be able to go out to day & the more so as Mr Boone; whom I have not seen these two months, is just arrived in town. – The sort of life I lead & the daily expectation of Important news from America makes it impossible for me to de faire des lectures suivies, so that I only read by scraps – I read a great deal of Italian, but can not help thinking their historians too tedious & diffuse – what need ~~the~~ Guicciardini enrich us with the separate opinions of the Generals who commanded the Italians at the battle upon the banks of the Taro? – what need Davila enter in to such a tedious detail of what each each Member of the Council advised upon certain occasions? the

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in Carolina, where it would have been known in two or three months, & I have not the least doubt but what my estate would have im=mediately confiscated, ~~did it which would have been~~ an irrep=arable Loss, as My Negroes who form the most valuable part would ~~in a few years~~ soon be scattered over the whole province—

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Dii faciles— is a line which I never could explain so clearly before.— There are consolations You see in every case. I have dined very often of late at a Chop house in the City— Chop houses are places where numbers of People who have no settled home, or who are to far from it at dinner time, drop in, & eat any little thing that can be got ready in half an hour.— At the house where I go, I meet a great Many Americans, & we talk of our own Country, or I amuse myself by observing the various countenances that ~~seem~~ present themselves on every side, & hearing the different Conversations of ~~the~~ two or three different tables.— Some times I dine at home, & whilst the great Maginnac dresses my hair, the mighty Wit eit occupé—

A se saisir des restes du diner."— After dinner I generally go out, very frequently to the Play.— Mr Boone has just been here— ~~there~~ is now doubt of Howe's victories if so— Io Bacche— heavens how glad I shall be— But My Love— my good friend tells me I Must leave off here, should I not write to You very regularly, ~~for~~ attribute it always to some such cause— but never doubt but what I love You as much as ever, which is saying all I can— Adieu—

Dec: 18th

I write to thee, my good Muller, from a Country:house of Mr C. Boone's about eighty miles from London, where he spends five or six weeks every year about this time; as I abominate London I readily accepted his offer of accompaning him here: every thing looks as dreary as at Chambeisie the Winter before last; the trees are stript of every leaf, & one wide expanse of Snow presents itself to the View — the day before I left London I received yours of the 24th of Nov: — What a curiosity thou must be with thy beard, & thy ~~dif~~ disheveled hair; John is long ere this returned, I hope, to trim the one, & comb the other: You must have been the very outside appearance of frere Nicholas, without possessing quite the same degree of sanctity. — Your book is so long a coming, that I am afraid some one will apply the Parturiunt Montes &c:, but that is your affair; in the mean time I am very well satisfied with what you have shewn me of the translation, & congratulate you & Bonstetten upon walking down to Posterity hand in hand — would to God I might be permitted to hold up the train of One of your gowns, & so escape the oblivion which threatens me. — I was the other day at the great Man's levy for the second time in my life; when he had dispatched a great many different people, I moved up to him under the wing of my friendly Mentor, was kindly shaken by the hand (as almost every body else had been) & told (as almost every body else had been) that he would be very happy to serve me, but that the ~~occasion~~ opportunity had not yet presented itself — which fact, though asserted by the high Priest, I must venture to Contradict, as many opportunities have presented themselves, & application been twice made to no purpose.

I no longer feel that sort of despondency which I have been but too well acquainted with at times since my return to England, nor can I call it despair what I feel, but certain it is that I begin to be sensible that I have been long deluded, that it is impossible for a Man, whose thoughts are in all the four quarters of the World at once, to concenter them for the smallest space of a moment upon an individual, who has no other recommendation to his favour, ~~that~~ than a service rendered to his family some three or four years ago, & one too whom he scarce ever sees, for I can haunt not the presence of any Man. — You can not imagine what a poor paltry animal I feel ~~to submit to~~ myself, for submitting to live thus upon hopes; "I had better be a dog, & bay the Moon," as Cassius says in Shakespear. — It is too late to join my Countrymen, & heartily do I repent my not having done it, for though I am confident they will not succeed in the end, notwithstanding the loss of Burgoine's Army which is the greatest blow this country ever ~~experienced~~ received, yet how many opportunities should I have had of distinguishing myself, & in the sort of way I like? A thousand different schemes are perpetually floating in my mind, & God knows, if any one does, which I shall adopt — My letters, I am afraid, must sometimes ennuie you, as I am always upon the Subject; but I do assure you, my friend, that if I am impatient to be in a better situation of life, it is to share with you the sweets of it, — the time will come when we shall both be happier, when I shall cease to subsist ~~so~~ so much in the same manner as the Camelion does, & then you will not be making experiments with Bread & Milk in order to go with =out your dinner, but on

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Keep Lent from any motives but religious ones, i.e. ~~[illegible]~~ which are not likely to be ~~p~~ very powerful upon either of us. — An officer, I hear, is just arrived with dispatches from Burgoine containing the articles of his Capitulation, which, with an account of the whole affair, will no doubt be soon published; I can not conceive how a general of any spirit could survive such a disgrace; though he might do any thing to save his army, yet he should have done every thing not to have saved himself. — I intend to obey thy mandates in writing to Genthod, & have already composed a letter for that purpose; I wish in gratitude you would obey mine & return there; I will not however press you upon the subject, as I am very sore myself concerning the law, which you might take it in your head to advise me again to Study — in short We are the best judges of our own happi[ness] I wish living at Genthod contributed to yours as much [stain] as I am sure it would to mine. — La Pauvre bete de Genthod est terriblement galeuse, ce qui m'a obligé de la mettre en pension chez une vieille femme ou il mange bien, & souffle tout son saoul — Savez vous que j'ai été fort mecontent de Maguirac? — l'envie qu'il avoit de voir l'Angleterre, le rendoit fort soumis autrefois, mais ayant trouvé que quoique grand Seigneur a Genthod, je ne suis rien a Londres, & que les rues ne sont point pavées ~~en or~~, il ~~[illegible]~~ soupire apres son village ou le vin est a si bon marché qu'il pourra se griser tant qu'il voudra — in short he has been very insolent, but upon my acquainting him in a very grave manner that I would most certainly turn him out of doors, that I would not give him a character, & that he might beg his Way back to Geneva, he is come to his Senses again — & has asked pardon. — I am doubtful What I shall do With him — Adieu —

dec: 19th – La lettre de Burgoine vient d'être publiée, vous la verrez dans le Courier de l'Europe ainsi je ne t'en parlerai pas. – dis Moi ce que tu en pense; – ne faut il pas louer la bravoure de nos troupes malgré le malheur qui leur est arrivé? – ~~Zaïsto can~~ represent to yourself a body of 3500 men surrounded by 16000; – & tell me if you think it was possible for the General to behave in a more spirited manner? – Adieu – felix esto – or rather sis felix —

Monsieur

Monsieur Muller
chez Mr. Bonet à Ge[illegible]hod
~~Chez Monsieur de Bonstetten des Conseils Souverains~~
Genève ~~à Berne~~

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Yours of the ~~24~~ 11th of dec: 77 is now before me, I received about five or six days ago, but have not been able to write since: I do not mean by this that my days are taken up in useful study, or that surrounded with vast in ~~among~~ folios, like thee, I consume the midnight oil; the truth is I am out of doors all the morning, tired all the evening, & asleep all night. When you told me in one line of the objections Mr T— had made to ~~your~~ your manner, it was unnecessary to add in the following que "d'abord vous aviez voulu tout brulé", car Je me souviens tres bien comment vous avez voulu vous jetter dans le lac de L—, & combien de fois vous avez pensé à vous poignarder, & a vous pendre vous même — Mais c'est bien ~~pa~~ votre faute — pourquoi vous addresser à un homme qui doit une si grande partie de sa reputation à la longeur de son nes, & a la miserable petitesse du theatre, ou il a joué son role, which, by the by, He played but shabbily? Tu as bien fait de Vâter ton Âne puissé t'il te porter d'un pas lent, mais sur au temple de la Renommée, nor would you be the first — dunois, dans la Pucelle, y est bien allé sur un âne. Je suis bien aise que ~~vous~~ vous vous soyez remis sous la protection des Penates de notre Philosophe; à present tu ne feras plus des experiences avec votre ~~estomac~~ estomach, ta barbe tombera la victime du grand Cambassides, & le Roi d'Israel lui meme, qui merite autant que celui dont il porte le nom d'etre appelé l'homme après le Cœur de dieu, le Roi d'Israel lui meme, dis-je, te fera l'honneur d'attacher tes cheveux. — Take care to have nothing to do with the family affairs, & keep clear of the dane; another thing — beware least

You be too Apt to take to Yourself, what may proceed from a thousand little domestick crosses; do not coin looks into words, or give a meaning to words too hastily — Mes lettres ont dû vous ennuyer bien souvent, car — but why write in French? for they have been in the doleful strain a long time, but I promise You, I will not touch upon American affairs, or upon my hopes till something decisive happens — About six weeks ago, as I was listening to a Singer from the Gallery at the Opera house, A Person behind me tapt me on the shoulder, upon turning I found him to be a Livonian, whom I had known at Naples, a very good-looking, good-natured Young Man: neither his good Looks nor his good nature however would have made me mention him, had I not made acquaintance with his Governor, who is of Swiss extraction but born in France — The Poor man was bursting for want of Conversation, il y a deux mois, me dit il, que Je n'ai point causé, & You may imagine what an overflowing there was the first time he & I past an hour together. He is really clever, but his acquired knowledge is, like that of every Frenchman I ever knew, confined to the Belles lettres of his own language, which he is thorough Master of. What contributes to render the French thought amiable is their always speaking their own language wherever they go, this gives them an ease in Conversation, which a Man who is murdering what he says can never have — You have often heard of Linguet no doubt, who published a Monthly litterary journal in France till he was obliged to seek his head elsewhere — he is now in London, & continues publish

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Adieu, my Charming friend, By my Soul I love You the more & more Should Fortune have any great good in store to shower down upon my head, may half of it at least descend upon thine –

Vale – [illegible]

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Monsieur

Monsieur Muller

Chez Monsieur de Bonstetten du Conseil Souverain

&c: —

à Berne

Barking in Suffolk - Jan: 13th - 78 - 190/191

Many, nay a thousand thanks to You, my dear Muller, for Your last letter; (G-D-13/20 77) I join with You in Your regret for the death of Haller, if that man can be said to die, whose name will live for ever; if that man is to be regretted, who after having held up the page of knowlege to the World, & done honour to his Country, in distinguishing himself, is now freed from the cares of this world, & expatiates in some happier region, with the enlightened souls of those, who were his models here. - The fault, or rather one of the faults I find with Christianity, is, that the heaven it promises, is really not worth attaining, unless indeed You admit the happy embellish=ment, which our friend the Philosopher has given it: for without that, I am confident that Haller, with all his Piety about him, would rather return to his long tables covered with books, than be rewarded by her=ding with the Saints, & singing hosannas without intermission. - The next time You write to me, give me some little detail, as far I mean as You think it will be interesting, of Haller's private life; of the hours he devoted to Study, of his manners, & his Principles. Had Haller lived in the time of Pope, that Poet would never have ad=dressed himself to the Goddess of dulness in this manner -

Oh! Still o're Britain stretch that peaceful wand
which lulls the Helvetian, & Batavian land. ——

There is in Your letter a spirit of despondency which I must chide You for; ~~keep~~ cast away them, my good friend, or rather leave to some one, who shall live centuries after us, Your regret for the fall of this Empire, its period is

not yet come, its sinews have not yet been strained to their utmost, nor has
it lost the empire of the Sea — You must have heard of the Spirit of Loyal
ty that is now blazing forth, of the regiments that are raising, & of
the cheerfulness with which the weight of taxes is borne — The town of
Edinburgh, the city I should have said, has opened a subscription for rai=
sing a regiment, & 2000 ~~ge~~ Pounds sterling were subscribed the first day,
one thousand of which is the gift of one man alone — You too, in whose
brain are recorded the deeds, & events of former times, should remember
the desasters, infinitely more dismal than that of Burgoines ~~defeat~~ surrender
which have happened to other States, & among the rest, that of a whole Ro=
man Army passing under the Yoak — but Modern times furnish pre=
cedents which alleviate the Wound — in the war of the Succession a Gene=
ral laid down his arms with 6000 troops, & this General was an English=
man, & these troops were English — I think it was in the War I mention,
but I will not be certain — His Name was Stanhope: — in the course
of the War before last with how many troops did not the Duke of
Cumberland Capitulate at Closterseven? — I am afraid I spell the name of
the Place very ill, but I am not obliged to understand that sonorous
language which You are so fond of. — You say You are embarrassed
what to say upon being asked after me — ecoute — say that I am
waiting the Event of the American War. with Blackstone in my hand
a Montesquieu, Hume, & Gibbons upon my shelves; that I am, very often very hap=
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him by the hand. — I received a letter from our old friend North the other day, who desires me to put you in mind of him, & to reproach you a little with ~~noth~~ not having Written to him — write then, my good fellow, for there scarce exists a man whom I esteem so much. — the letter I speak of was a very friendly one, & bore the stamp of his heart upon it — hear the ~~offers~~ offer he makes me, & take it in his own words — "Une ne donnerois pas, Mon cher ami, pour vous avancer dans le monde, et cela parceque Je ~~J~~ vous estime, autant que Je vous aime — mais les petits services que Je pourrois vous offrir, ne sont pas ceux peutetre dont vous avez actuellement besoin — Une bourse aussi peu garnie que la mienne, ne vous rendroit pas de service considerable, Usez en pourtant comme de la votre, à fin que vous ne pensiez pas, que Je ne fais qu'un compliment qui ne signifie rien, Je vous avouerai sans rougir sa force, & sa foiblesse; — si une vingtaine, ou une trentaine de Guinées vous seroient Commodes, elles sont à vos ordres en m'en avertissant huit jours d'avance." — Is it not worth while to have fortune lower upon us a little, in order to know our friends? — I ~~have~~ feel, thank God, no great want of Money, but am not, on that account, the less grateful. — You may judge what the tenour of my answer was; I am always in my forte when I thank my friends, for it is a Style I have written & spoken in from my infancy. — The Country house where I am is near Ipswich, which I went to visit the other day; it is a rich popolous town, & carrys on some trade by means of a navigable river ~~which is now near~~ or more properly a branch of the Sea, for there are regular tides. — nothing but an old Gateway remains of Cardinal Wolsey's College, which was called the Rival of Oxford, nor are there two

souls out of two thousand who know that he was born there. — They have frequent balls & concerts; I was at a ball there the other evening, & one of the first men I saw was Nassau l'Ainé, the same who took refuge in our little cottage one evening at Chambeisie — his Father does not live far off — he invited me very kindly to his house, but as I am upon a visit here, & pass my time very agreeably, I excused myself. George Nassau was not there, nor have I seen him, but I saw his house at a distance; it seems a fine one, & was left him some years ago, ~~by~~ with a still finer estate around it, by an old Baronet, with whom he had very little Connection. — One thing struck me at this Ball, which was to see how much our Women are more apprivoisées than they were some years ago — there were two or three Clergymen dancing too, which was another object of wonder to a man who had for three years lived in the focus of Calvinism — suppose you were to go into a room & to see Mr Bennelle & the — what the Devil is his name, qui faisoit les preacheries à Genthod, hopping along in a Cotillon? — I don't mean an under petty-coat, for in that as well as in its environs those Gentlemen are allowed to be as conversant ~~in~~ as they please — I mean a dance so called. —— The wife of the Parson of the Parish is a near relation of mine — She is the daughter of my Mother's own Uncle — & of Consequence my Cousin — Since Providence intends to make up to me in relations the loss that I suffer, by thus ~~raisin~~ making ~~make~~ them start up in my way wherever I go. —— Pray who is to be Elector of Bavaria, or who is, & what are, or what are the events in consequence of the late Elector's death? say oracle ~~answer~~

London — Feb: 2.d - 78 -

You may judge what a climate we live in, when I tell You that though it is now between twelve & one, which is the time of the day when the influence of the Sun is the strongest, yet such an impenetrable fog is every thing immersed in, that I can scarce see to write to You, & have almost a mind to ask for a Candle — The last from You is dated 1/10 78 & reached me yesterday — I am glad to find that You are still at Genthod, & that You seem satisfied — strange would it be if You were not, as You are now come to a right understanding, I see, with regard to Your plan of conduct, & are determined neither to have any thing to do with the dear or to puzzle yourself any more in all the intricate subtilities of feeling & sensibility — Really, Muller, I think, it would now be adviseable to go to Schaffhouse, divinity no longer stares You in the face, & You may have that sort of employment, which has ever been the object of Your predilection — remember too the Answer of the rude inhabitants of the Alps to Caesar — not that is not what I mean, remember, I should have said, what Caesar told his friends, as they were passing through a little village upon the Alps — "I would rather, said he, be the first amongst these fellows, than the second in Rome" — So should You rather be Secretary of State at Schaffhouse, than plain Jean Muller any where else. Posterity, if it even knows the existance of Your Native Place, will not think of it, perhaps, as You do now. Your Cotemporaries too will be dazzled at Your possessing an office, which equally bespeaks at S.t Marino

as in London, or at Paris the Superior talents of the Man who holds it with Credit, & the Confidence the Whole Nation honours him with.

But then You may not be certain of becoming secretary of State; that You are by far the best Judge of, all I say, is upon the supposition that You are sure or that at least there is a great probability of it. — As to Hight Paris — as to Berlin — these are ideas which I can say nothing about, let me beg You however to feel Your way before You place Your foot, & not to let Your locomotive quality lead You astray. — Publish Your book at any rate, it will add weight to Your Character at Schafouse, it will prevent Your Father from renewing his importunities, were he so inclined, as Your character of historian lui en imposera, it will spread Your name & be a passe partout, should You ever travel. — do You want money very much? Could not Mr Bonnet supply You with a little? — if You think not, say the Word, & I shall not scruple to devote the gifts of the great man made in my younger days; & which consist of a silver inkstand, & a gold snuffbox — Nor would my Conscience take the alarm, as he does not do any thing for me. — You ask, I see it by Your countenance, what I have done with 830 Pounds, spent since I have been in England, Why faith! I should be puzzled to give You a good account of it, All I can say is that my expectations, & my ignorance made Me less oeconomical at first, that I have been obliged

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to have Clothes made, that Maginiac & Edik have run away with near fifty Pounds between them, that Coming fresh from Italy it was some time before I could reconcile Myself to the Change in my manner of life, & to crown all, that this town abounds with the prettyest women in the World, who are to be had for money; nor am I, You know, insensible.

Whilst I lived with You, & my Mind was perpetually ~~up~~ taken up, I was satisfied with the fortuitous enjoyment of a Savoyard girl, or a not-ugly beggar Woman — But far different has been the case here ——— I have not Written to You till now since I have been in ~~the Country~~ town, & must tell You that I was at the Ministers levy a few days after my return, who received me as usual very graciously, & sent me back as rich as I came — Upon the report ~~Idea~~ of the Russians & Turks going to War, I had some idea of serving a Campaign; I even got myself introduced to the Russian Ambassadour by Mr C Boone; He informed Me, that it would not be known for some time — Whether a War was to be, or not. ~~the~~ But that should there be one & I inclined to go as a Volunteer it would cost me very little; & I should be welcome to every recommendation in his power. — Upon my communicating this idea of mine to a Frenchman of my acquaintance, helas! me dit il, with a great deal of humour, eh que vous ont ils fait ces pauvres Janissaires? — My present plan — since the Russians & Turks ne veulent pas se couper la gorge, is retreat, & I am throwing my

eyes around in order to find out a place, where I may retire ~~and~~ & live upon two hundred a Year with Edit, without Magninac, a few books, & Your letters. I balance between France & England, Mr Boone thinks it had better be in France — I shall tell You something more certain in my next — I am very pleased with Davila as I become more acquainted with him, & as I now have a better edition, for nothing tires so soon as the small Italian character, besides one is so long in the same page — What honour the retreat to Paris does to — Pifer & the rest of Your Country men, when the Queen Mother & her Son were within an ace of being made prisoners, & owed their Safety al valore, & alla prontezza ~~degli~~ dei Suizzeri; You must know that I discovered the Davila I am now reading, with a great many other Italian books in the library of a Country = Parson, where they languished in Obscurity — I purchased them. Hear what Davila says of the death of the Old Constable ^mortally wounded^ before Paris, Morì senza turbatione di mente, & con grandissima costanza; sì che essendosi accostato al letto, dove giaceva, un religioso per volerlo confortare, egli, rivoltatosi con sereno viso, & quieto, lo pregò, che non lo molestasse, perche sarebbe stata cosa molto brutta, lo haver saputo vivere ottanta anni, et non sapere morire un quarto d'hora. You desire me to answer You with respect to ~~a~~ the Elegibility of going to Carolina in the present Situation of affairs — though I am driven at times to think of such a step, yet it would certainly be the worst I could take, & hear wherefore —

Give my Love to Mr & Mrs B—

I wrote the sheet enclosed—& which ends by telling You to hear my reasons, this morning; it is now ten o clock at night, & I am just returned home from dinner, so that You must not expect a great many reasons—Suffice it then to say, that were I to go to Carolina, I should lose all Chance of the Ministers ever doing any thing for me, without bettering myself in the East, for my Countrymen would be cramming all their Oaths, down My throat, which rather than take which, I should certainly submit to return

I have found out lately a great many relations, Who are very civil to Me, it is with one of them I have been dining to day. & When I conceive that You are now at Genthod after all your ramblings & perigrinations both by land & by Water I can not help comparing you to a bird—who if caught, hoodwinked, & then let go again, flyes as flies as high as he can, flutters a great deal, & then falls exactly on the spot from whence he rose. I send Your letters to Bonstetten because the Postage is much less by Germany, the Greater part being paid here—I hear from my Brother very Often, he Writes very Well—Adieu, my good Friend—Thine for ever—L'americain farouche

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Monsieur

Monsieur Muller

Ches Monsieur de Bonstetten du Conseil

Souverain &c. &c. à Geneve Berne

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Give my love to my good friends of Gentrad. & write to me often, & not in a desponding style: — I am determined to be happy though I shall not travel en Seigneur Anglois, mais en Pauvre Americain. —

Lon: 21.st of Feb: 78

I am by far too melancholy to think of writing You a long letter, my dear friend, nor is it possible to have greater cause to be so, for by this time You must have heard the resolution of the Ministry to offer terms to the Americans, & such terms, as will at once dishonour this nation for ever, & render the Americans independant — independant, I say, for they will now be convinced that England is incapable of Subdueing them, & reject with contempt, what they have been overjoyed to accept a Year or two ago. — I have a ray of Comfort in all this — & it proceeds from the prospect of seeing ere long my ~~friends~~ Mother & my Sister; for a Cessation of arms, will at all events take place, & I shall seize the first opportunity of returning; but I despond again, when I consider that I must soon decide as to the Country I intend passing my life in, & hard is the choice between such a Country as Carolina will be, & all my property there on one side & such a Country as this will ever remain, & no property at all on the other — My present plan is to retire to some ~~town~~ town in France, where I may live cheaply & Comfortably at the same time; My merchant, who like Mr Boone sticks to me in these times of universal distress, has promised me two hundred Pounds more, but

adds, nor do I wonder at it, that it will be out of his power to sup=ply me with any more, so that I must make my two hundred pounds last as long as possible, & return to Carolina at the end of it, should Nothing happen in the Mean time. As to L North, I think no more of him but to blame his stupidity, & the total ignorance he has manifested during the Whole War — He would make a good Minister in time of peace, but is not fit to hold the helm in Stormy times; never has there been a more disgraceful administration; ~~they~~ it will leave a blot in our history, & such a blot as the People of England would be warranted, were they to endeavour to efface it with the blood of their rulers. — The place I have pitched upon is Blois, which is situated in a ~~cheap~~ beautiful Country, & very little way from Nantes, which is the source of American News. I set off Monday Morning (this is Saturday Night) & shall of consequence be there before You receive this — My things are packed up, my place in the stage coach is taken, & I have nothing to do but to go & shake my best of friends once more by the hand, & bid him Adieu With all the firmness I can Muster up. — There is no living Cheap in this Place of temptations, & as all the Gentlemen in England live either in the Capital, or upon their estates, I should meet with

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imagine, without some disagreable sensations, that I find myself com-
pelled through necessity to discharge Magninac, who has lived with
me near three years, & who, to do him justice, has really been a
faithful, useful Servant — but it is necessary to economise, & he
did not stand me in much less than fifty pounds a year —
I have given him a months wages extraordinary & as many
old clothes as come to seven or eight pounds — with which he intends return-
ing to his native Mountain, for Suspirat longo non visum tempore Pagum,
Et Casulam, & notos tristis desiderat hados.
~~The~~ A Man, whose mind ~~whose mind~~ is well turned, may find some
satisfaction in ~~it~~ & in every thing however unwished for & unexpected
that happens to him; for my part, I do assure you that I find it much
more easy to retrench, than I imagined: Who knows, but what, if
I had enjoyed my estate from my coming of age, I might have
contracted a habitude of debauchery & expense, which would have
made me more Miserable than it is in the Power of fortune to do.
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Adieu — Write to me — à M. W. K — a Blois a la P: Restante: I carry Davila, Montesquieu, Bentivoglio, Malone, Horace Virgil

Monday

It is well I kept this letter by Me, as I have changed my mind since I wrote it, & am no longer going to Blois, where I now intend going I will not tell You for fear I should Change my Mind Again, but will write to You as soon as I get there — address your letters in the Mean time as of old. ——

Monsieur

Monsieur Muller

Chez Monsieur Bonguet de Genthod

Geneve

There is a talk of a Change in the Ministry. — I shall without be glad of it for many reasons, without the least mixture of regret, for I have long given up all hopes — Great men are now as they always were —— Gente di nome, e di parlar cortese
Ma d'opre scarsa, e di vista nemica. — You never write to me.

Your last, my good Muller, is dated 2/13; – as to [20] me, I have not had it in my power to write to You of late, & feel as if it was an age since we had conversed. In My last I told You I was going to France, & had even told You, if I remember right where to derect to me, when I changed my mind, & slided very suddenly into another resolution which I have put into execution – where do You think I am at present? confess that You have not the least idea – I am neither in England, nor France, but where I am, You shall know before the end of this letter. Determined to live in daily expectation of some favour from Ld N no longer, desirous of being as little burthensome to my Merchant as possible, unable to support the necessary expences of London, I was upon the point of setting out for France, where I intended living upon very little, & ~~setting out~~ embarking for Carolina at the end of the Summer – I was upon the point, I say, & had even packed up my every thing for the purpose, when a Gentleman called upon me with a letter from my Cousin in Scotland – this letter contained the most pressing invitations to Come & pass some time with him & his family, ~~which~~ & being joined with the Rhetorick of him who brought it, convinced me after some reflection, that I could not do a better thing –

I consulted my Guardian, as You may ~~imag~~ imagine, he approved of it, & I am ~~no~~ at this instant writing to You from the city of my Ancestors, & from under the roof of my Grandfathers nephew. — ~~I must~~ know also that I set off by the first ship I can find going to the West Indias, — & expect to be out of the European Hemisphere in six months. — As You approach the North of England, things take a different appearance, the air of ease & opulence ceases by degrees, the Country appears less fruitful, & the houses of the inhabitants less comfortable — what I say alludes to Northumberland, which is ~~still~~ however a finer country than the part of Scotland You immediately enter upon crossing the Tweede, where the barrenness of the Soil, & the ~~of~~ sharpness of the air ~~has~~ proclaim the reason why the Picts of Old so easily overthrew their Southern Neighbours. This Part of Scotland put me in mind of Savoye, nor are the inhabitants in much better plight than the Savoyards. Though I drew near to Edenburgh every moment, the scene to my astonishment remained the same, & there was something so bleak, so barren, & so desolate in the appearance of things, that ~~I~~ had I been placed there on a sudden, I should have rather thought myself in the regions of Mont Blanc, than in the

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environs of a great & antient Capital. — I arrived at an Inn, & found that my Cousin had left orders, that I should be instantly conducted to his house; this was no bad Omen — I determined however to make myself decent before I waited upon him, for ~~as~~ I reflected, that a Man's ~~first~~ appearance has no small influence upon the opinion of those, who see him for the first time. — The Old Gentleman received me with a cordiality that went to my heart, told me to look upon him in the light of a Father, during my Stay in Scotland, & added that he would neglect nothing in order to make that Stay as long & as agreeable as possible His Sons were all from Home, but he introduced to two pretty Cousins whom I kissed as eagerly, as You used to kiss every body, *when I first knew You*. — I wanted to settle myself in ~~his~~ some pension, but he was deaf to all I urged, & insisted upon my living entirely with him whilst I staid in Scotland — He carryed me the other day to his Country House, which stands pleasantly in the midst of a very good Patrimony, nor was I sorry, as You may very well imagine, to visit the Spot where my Grand Father was brought up, & which he quitted so many years ago, in quest of riches — for the the Custom of giving every thing to the Eldest has long subsisted in Scotland. — My Father was here when he was

about my Age — The Family place is called Gilmerton, this I tell You, as I may very often have occasion to mention it in my future Letters. The House is a very good one, & the Prospect finest. As I was ~~roaming~~ rambling from one room to another the other day, I met with an old maid Servant who had been fifty Years in the family — I wish You had seen the Countenance of the good creature, when I asked her if She was glad to see me — She talked as familiarly of my Father as if he had not been gone a day, & pulling out My Grandfathers picture ~~it~~ from among a number of others, She descanted upon each feature of his face, as if four & twenty hours had not elapsed since She had seen him — She is a very Nestor in petticoats, & the Chronologist of the Family. — I am returned to town, & find my self almost every evening in a circle of new relations, & feel as if I had tumbled into a new World, when I behold so many new faces, & hear so different an accent from that the English speak in. Do not demand ~~[illegible]~~ of me at present any discription of this Place, though, by the by, You hate discriptions, & will easily excuse me. — The whole town is on fire with a military ardour which runs from breast to breast, near seven hundred men of the Edinburgh Regiment are already raised, the Glascow Regiment too goes on very well.

~~Though~~ I say in my letter, that I shall probably be out of sight of Europe in Six Months; this is allowing myself a much longer time than I shall take; for I shall embark by the first Ship for the West Indies & so fight my Way to the Continent as I can – Many a good time & often have I repented of that I did not set off for America two years ago, but repentance is now too late, & I must comfort myself with the idea that all has been for the best, & that I have picked up a sort of experience on this side of the Water, which I should never have acquired on that – The devil take all ministers say I, both for what they do, & what they do not do, & heaven have compassion upon him, Who is fool enough to depend upon What they promise. Who Would not have thought that I should have been comfortably situated in Some good Place by this? – Adieu – My dear friends write to me whilst You can, it will not be in our power to Correspond much longer – Give my love to the good folks of Genthod.

A Net Paid [illegible]

Monsieur

Monsieur [illegible]

Chez Monsieur Bonnet de Genthod

Geneve

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Think when You are reading this, my dear Muller, that Your
old friend is tossing about upon the Atlantick in his way
to America — I had kept away as long as it was possible, &
longer than it was prudent, & have at last taken my passage
on board of a Ship, which is only waiting for a fair wind
in order to sail from the Port of Glascow — this resolution
has been long brewing in my mind, & I am glad that the
time is at length come to put it in execution — I go to
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sed with much baggage, & may easily find means to
~~mass~~ make my escape if I find it should be impossible to get a
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don — I paid him a Months Wages extraordinary, gave him
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seven or eight Pounds, shook him by the hand, & bid him adieu
The poor fellow's heart was melted, but he saw the necessity of it —

Should he return to Switzerland, You may give him the best of characters in my name. A man need not have a great deal of Philosophy to discern something advantageous in every sort of circumstances, however disagreeable, that it may please fortune to Place him in; for my part though I have got nothing in England, & have lost many an opportunity of distinguishing myself in Carolina, yet am I far from repining at either, when I consider, that had Lord N— had the least spark of gratitude & sincerity in his heart, I might probably have lost my estate, & that I now return with a Stock of experience, & a knowledge of mankind, which I should not otherwise have acquired. — All that seriously grieves me, & lies heavy on my heart, is that I leave You, my dearest Muller, no forwarder in the world that what I found You; if any one had a right to benefit from our Connection, it was You, & if any one has really benefitted from it, it is I — In the warmest transports of ambition, when I gave a loose to my imagination, & fondly ruminated upon all that I wished one day to attain to, in those moments You were always present to my thoughts, & if I wished for riches, fame, or prosperity of any sort, it was that my friend might share it with me;

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& sent prisoner to Halifax or Quebec, or the Lord knows where.
I love Great Britain so well, as to hope that the Colonies will accede to nothing unless their independence be allowed, which G B will never consent to — a Man, or a State had better lose any thing, than keep it with Dishonour — but it is not likely that the Americans will venture to leave the French in the lurch, who have done so much for them, & taken so bold a step. War is inevitable, though it be long a coming, the Storm is brewing in the air, & will soon burst. —
I make not the least doubt of being very soon able to make my peace with my countrymen; my youth, & the necessity of finishing my education will plead strongly in my favour, & as they are always blending the maxims of Religion with those of Politicks, I shall not be received the less well for being a Proselyte — nunc in retrorsum vela dare &c:
Tis impossible to represent any thing kinder to Yourself than my reception in this Country has been — My Cousin is the best hearted Old Gentleman I ever met with & glides smoothly down the flowery vale of life, amidst the adoration of his Children, the love of all who know him, & the blessings of his Poor Neighbours. — The Vessel I am to em=

bark in is only waiting to complete the necessary number of hands, as soon as that is done, the Captain is to send me Word, & we embark without delay. — Give my love to Mon: & Mad: B — they may be sure that I carry them with me & that I will teach my mother to bless their names in concert with me as long as we live. — This is the last letter it will be in my power to write to You for some time, take therefore, my dear friend, take my last advice; return if it is possible, to Schafouse, endeavour to enter into the employments of trust & credit, & do Your best to [illegible] Your Republick, what I shall try to be in mine.

Adieu — my best, my dearest friend, Heaven protect & prosper You wherever You go — I would not send this small scrap of paper that remains unwritten upon, were it not that I am hurried — I shall write most certainly from New York & before if I can — My love to Your friend Bonstetten.

April 24th 78

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ANGLETERRE

Monsieur
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à Cassel en Hesse, ce 20 ... 83

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Albemarle County - Virginia
June 10th 1783
2014/2015

My dear friend.

This letter will I hope reach you as I have requested of our delegates in Congress to forward it to the minister in France - I again acknowlege the receipt of your little book, which believe me, I esteem as a proof of your love, & as a type of your person - I should judge from it, & from the Expressions towards the end, that you had been received in to the bosom of the Mother Church, be that as it will, you are, & ever will be equally dear to me - after hearing from one another once or twice, we may offer for con=

pide in the safe conveyance of our letters as to write in the old style – Believe me, though silent I have never scarcely passed a day without thinking of the friend with whom I passed the happiest hours of my life: though married, though the trees are planted under whose shade we were to recline, & the children begot= ten which I used to talk of; yet do I feel cares pressing which I knew nothing of, when our days glided away on the flowery banks of the calm Lemannus – My first essay in public life was in the Army – there I succeed ed very well, but when they sent me to Congress, my passions had not sufficiently subsided – I was dis= gusted at some reflections, & the publick I took leave of one another for ever, & for ever. I owe you an account

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of my life since we parted, I owe you also a great deal
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to enter into any detail whatsoever — The books we
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constant companions, I have soothed my mind with
them in many an uneasy moment, & blessed you
in my heart, for having encouraged in me that at-
-tachment to Litterature, without which a retired life
would be the most miserable of all others. —
Pray write to me as soon as you receive this —
Direct your letter to Ralph Izard Esqr — to the care of the Honble The
Delegates of the State of S. C. in Congress — or under cover to
them, which would be better Write to Gentlemen, & take the

worthy inhabitants how high a sense I entertain of all their goodness. Give my love to Your friend Bonstetten, his cousin went from this country, just as I came to it. Pray tell me what was the success of His Holiness' expedition into Germany? How the affairs of Geneva are settled? whether the great reformation talked of in Spain is likely to take Place? & You must also give me a just idea of the real situation of the different powers in Europe - All I will say to You, at present, of our affairs, is, That we have blundered into independence - Our Enemies seem to have been infatuated by the hand of God, & have made us free in spite of ourselves - Our tampering with the public faith, as we have continually, has ruined thousands, & corrupted ten thousands,

and You would be astonished at the scenes of villainy & fraud which this land of virtue abounds in — Our Political situation is very little understood — the powers of Congress are not defined, & having ourselves burst the ~~[illegible]~~ chain which attached them to the Government they were born under, the example operates so forcibly amongst our own citizens, that a number of new independent States are on the points of springing up as the young Polypes do from the sides & bowels of the old ones — [illegible] Chaos which no ~~man~~ eye can see into — You will hear from me frequently on the subject — for the present Adieu, & believe me, that as I ever did, so do I still consider you as another Brother — God Bless You, & make You happy — when You cease to be so in Europe, America, whose voice I undertake to be on the occasion, stretches out her arms — my house shall be yours; in short I will share every thing with You but my wife — Who is too pretty for a Professor with his large wig —

Yours F. Kinloch

send me all you write or have written

Franco

Amsterdam 25.

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Monsieur

Monsieur Le Professeur Muller

à Cassel

En Hesse

by Your most Obed.
Servants.
H: H: Damen & C.
... Ship Broker

Ap: 20th 1783 Kensington near Georgetown
South Carolina
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This letter – my dear friend, goes by England in case the other by the Major, who forwarded to me your voyages des Papes, should miscarry. – I refer you to that for every thing that more particularly regards me – let this, if it arrive first, serve to assure you, that nothing on earth could have been more acceptable to me, than to receive a letter from so old, & so good friend – The circumstances of the times have interrupted our correspondence, but it will now recommence to exist in all its ancient vigour whilst we live or at least 'till we have the happiness of meeting – which is not I think improbable – for either I shall come to Europe, & my ~~[illegible]~~ wife, or you, tired of the Pope's Capel, & not being made a cardinal of will come to this country where your friend will meet you with open arms.

Adieu dear Brother – Yours W[illegible]

My Dear Sir

I wrote to you, at Berlin, & since at Cassell to give you some account of Your Friend; he can now speak for himself; If you chuse to make use of me, as the Channell to write to our Friend, you may Command my Services in this, or any thing in the power of

Dear Sir

August 6th 1783. Your very Obed.t

London. Humble Serv.t

Jno. Dorne

Albemarle County Virginia
27th June 1783. —

My dear Sir;

Your Letter of February 4th from London never came to hand, but the Copy of Feby 18th which alludes to it, has reached me, do not think I exaggerate if I assure you, that the loss of my own estate could not have affected me more, than the loss of yours does, for lost it is beyond all hopes, — My Brother and I presented a petition in which we ventured to argue more than Petitioners usually do, and we pressed our acquaintances, who were in either House, not to let the most ungenerous prejudices get the better of the first principles of justice —

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but all was in vain, we might as well have
addressed the elements — the people at
large wanton in the first exercise of sovereign
power, and feel the same cruel joy in
robbing the helpless families of those
whom they can oppress with impunity,
that an infant does in torturing an insect
that falls within it's reach — The article
of the preliminary Treaty, which you allude
to, makes it indeed necessary that Congress
should recommend restitution to the
different States, but the recommendations
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It has surely been the will of Providence, that Great Britain should suffer by the ignorance and wretched politics of Her Negociators and Generals— for a more than common degree of infatuation seems to have led Cornwallis to York, and have rendered Mr. Oswald satisfied with an

an Article, which our Commissioners, I am well informed, told him was altogether nugatory, Your poor Negroes and many of those belonging to Mr. Colleton's estate would have been irrecoverably lost, even had the State of South Carolina relented for having been embarked on board of British Vessels in Charles Town, and being taken by American Privateers, they were — immediately condemned as lawful Prize by the Courts of Admiralty of the Ports they were carried to. — My Brother who will forward this from Carolina may be able to inform you of some particulars with respect to your Estate, and that of the Colleton's which I am ignorant of, for there was some —

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My Brother remains in Carolina, whilst I, who have a Family have retreated before the Fever and ague to this part of the world, which is equal in soil and climate to any thing in England. - I live with my Father in Law a Gentleman whose Name is Walker, but have a small Farm about two Miles from the Mountains which I cultivate myself My Wife is about seventeen Years of Age, and prettyer than I had any right to expect

expect, and I have a little daughter with black eyes and black hair, who receives me with open arms and smiling looks at the door, when I return from my Farm — My love of reading has not deserted me, I still continue reading every thing Historical and Political I can meet with, and go over the Classics at least once a year — A station in Public Life such as I could consent to fill, was to be supported by arts, which I am, and ever wish to remain ignorant of, and the violent spirit of injustice which prevails in councils has effectually discouraged me from being ever a member of Assembly, as I should only have the misfortune of resisting it in

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feel very old, for well do I remember,
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in the world a more sincere well wisher —
I wish to God it may ever be in my power
to prove how much I love them all. —
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my eldest Son, or to my Brother's if I die
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Sir David's care, I have written to him, but
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two days ago - I have but one favor to beg
of you which is, that you would send me
your Picture and Mrs Boones of the size of
Family Pictures - as I do not know when
we shall meet again, such a present would be
inestimable - Adieu my dearest best of friends
be assured, and assure Mrs Boone, that my wife loves
you both, as she should the best friends of her
husband, I beg my best respects to your Brother
and to his Family, adieu with every degree of
gratitude & affection Your's F Kinloch -

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Albemarle County, Virginia
Sept.r 1.st 1783. —

My best of Friends

I wish, since we are now blessed with peace, that my Letters may reach you with any degree of regularity, for I wish, though it is unfortunately out of my power to render you any services in America, that you should be convinced of my unalterable gratitude and affection. —

My Letters and those of my Brother, have already I make no doubt, convinced you, that our fears are realized, & that there is no prospect of recovering your property, which has been so unjustly

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taken from you, It would demand more time than I would willingly bestow on so disagreeable a Subject to attempt describing the torrents of illiberal party rage, which has borne down every thing before it in Carolina, It is not the determined resolution of Men bearing up against the calamities of War, this spirit has fled, and given way to a passion which I can compare to nothing but to that which animates a child to torment some helpless insect, that falls within its reach, Though I served my Country in any shape they thought proper, yet I meet with too much ingratitude, and ill usage not to determine never again to be concerned in public affairs – this resolution,

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hear some times from you, and to be convinced that I am considered in your House as one who is, in some measure, of the Family – it will be my pleasure, and I shall consider it as my duty, to write to you frequently.

The Politics of America must no doubt engage some attention on the other side of the Atlantic, and I can assure you, that a proper history of the late War would as far as I am acquainted with the events of it, and can presume to judge, be a most interesting performance. You would there read of events following causes the least likely to have produced them, and would be amazed, not only –

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only at sudden, and I may say, unprecedentd. turns of fate, but to see a chain of circumstances taking place towards the establishment of our independence, without the means of promoting it on one side, or any well judged efforts to prevent it on the other. —

I shall like for many reasons to read the British account, and that I might form some idea of Cornwallis's reason for suffering himself to be shut up by an army every way inferior in York, and of Stuarts, for fighting General Green with equal numbers at the Eutaws, where by a little exertion he could so easily have outnumbered him, these observations I have heard from Green himself, and from almost every Man of

of sense I am acquainted with, It certainly was the decree of fate that America should be independent, all I have to lament is, that so great an event should have been so ruinous to the best friend I have in the world. I wish we in Carolina may make good use of our newly acquired sovereignty, but I much doubt it, and am much afraid, that our civil dissensions, and they are natural, you know, to our form of government, will end in blood, the precedent of proceeding by bill of attainder at Jacksonborough will fall heavy upon the head of some, if not, there is no faith to be put in history. —

Let me request that you would write to Muller, and inform him, that I have received his little book - Suites voyages de Papier — I have answered him by the way of Philadelphia, and will write to him soon again - assure him of my - unalterable esteem - I mentioned in my Letters to him, that when ever Europe used him ill, my house was open to him, but if son altesse pays him well, he is better off - I wish - and told him so, that Monsieur & Mad. Bonnet knew that I remember them with every degree of Gratitude. - Pray assure Mrs Boone that I love her as a Parent, and her Children as my Brothers & Sisters - Adieu dear Sir, that God may

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shower down his most choice blessings on
you and your Family, is the wish of
your ever Grateful ever affectionate —

R Kinloch

My best wishes attend your Brother,
Pray make my Compliments to him

Albemarle County, at the foot of the S: West Mountains Virginia, Oct.r 1st 1786.

Amongst the various ill consequences of this unhappy War, You will, I trust, my ever dear, my best of Friends, do me the justice to believe, that I lament particularly every circumstance, that has prevented my writing to yourself, & to Muller, as frequently, & in the Stile, & manner I could wish; it is easy indeed to avoid — politics, but a Letter, falling into the hands of Friends, or Foes, may be so canvassed, & every expression so tortured from it's meaning, — that a Man may be made to speak treason, who is only making enquiries after his Friend's health, or giving him an Account of his situation in Life. — With my Lr̃e to you by Mr. Laurens, which I find You received, went a very long one to Muller; I am afraid it never

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reached him; be so kind as to inform him of this, when you write & to add, that as I am convinced he has written to me frequently, though I never received a Line, so I hope he will rest assured, that I have not neglected him, and will attribute my silence to the Miscarriage of my Letters. I must cease to Live, ere I cease to think of you as of a Parent, & of Muller as of a Brother; as to my other Friends, Mess.rs G.d & C.o to whom I have also many Obligations, they will, I am convinced, if they reflect a moment on the circumstances of the times, when I got home, acquit me of all intentional delay in making them remittances. There was no crop made the Year of my arrival, owing to a very severe hurricane, I reaped no benefit from that of the succeeding Year, & have been since that time as effectually

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debarred the Enjoyment of my property, as if it lay in the East-Indies. —

I was never a predestinarian, but every day now serves to convince me, that there is a regular course of great events pre= pared by Providence which men blindly contribute to the bringing about of, though with views diametrically contrary; You will agree with me in opinion, if you consider the conduct of the British Commander, & Officers in South Carolina, who with every wish, (I may safely do them that justice) of promoting the entire reduction of the Country, have done every thing that could keep it ours. The ruling Power of the State had perhaps behaved with severity to non-conformists, but the excuse which Dido makes Æneas, might be alledged in their favour; it was not however, at all events,

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good policy to imbibe the resentment of a few persecuted Loyalists: the horrors of war should have been softened, & the returning gay beams of Royal Government would have gladdened the heart of many a now deter-mined foe: Numbers would by degrees have slidden into the situation of British Subjects, I speak of those, who were then in Charles Town, or at least have so far availed themselves of the protection the British Government afforded as to be considered with a jealous Eye by their fellow Citizens in Arms; but when an Oath was tendered, & every man called upon to make a public recantation, & that too at a time, when the force on either side was nearly equal; there was not a moment's hesitation in the choice between peaceful pos-session, & security, attended with disgrace, on the one hand, & honourable Poverty, with every hope of revenge, & retaliation, on the

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I will not expatiate upon the excesses of the British Army; it would be a disagreeable subject to you, & a very melancholy one to me, suffice it to say, that exclusive of the brutality of the Soldiery, which I know ~~cannot~~ cannot at all times be restrained, such scenes have been perpetrated by Officers whom I could Name, & whose families are amongst the first in Great Britain, as would make you, and every worthy Englishman blush for the degeneracy of the Nation. The consequence of such bad policy, & of such conduct has been, that South Carolina is again in the hands of the Americans, & that there is not a British Soldier in Arms off Charles Town Neck. A superior Force may again penetrate into the Country, but the result must in the end be the same, for however unequal the contest may seem to those at a distance, they should recollect, that

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there is scarce an Instance in History, where a whole People have been united in defence of one common cause, who have not been ultimately Victorious, It seems however, to have been an Idea entertained in England, that a great body of the Inhabitants were desirous of a reunion, of the inhabitants of America, I should have said, that there are many who regret, that we should have quarrelled, & who curse the causes of it, I most firmly believe, but we have been foes too long to be ever on the former footing, & you will easily conceive, that those, who have risen to distinction in the Civil, or military, are not fond of the Ideas the rising generation too have imbibed prejudices, that render such an event utterly impossible, the lower sort of People, who were in many parts, particularly in South Carolina, originally attached to the British Government,

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have suffered so severely, & been so frequently deceived, that Great Britain has now a hundred enemies, where it had one before. Your good Opinion of me, which, I flatter myself, I have not forfeited, will lead you, I trust, to pay some degree of attention to the representation I have given of the state of affairs, & when you recollect my attachment to England, my admiration of the English Government, & the circumstance of my having passed the happiest Years of my Life under Your protection, You will be convinced that I neither exaggerate, nor misrepresent. I have led for this last Year a private Life in a part of Virginia, which in point of situation, & healthfulness, puts me daily in mind of Switzerland, a Country I remember with the more satisfaction, as I there imbibed that taste for Litterature,

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which would render any retreat agreeable.
Retired as I was in the bosom of a Family,
that have adopted me, the British found
me out, & I was unexpectedly made prisoner
by Cap: Kimlock of the Gilmerton Family;
nothing however can exceed the good-
treatment I experienced; they detained me
but a few Days, & I am now altogether free
in consequence of the general exchange —
My Mother is with us, but my Sister &
Brother are in Charles Town, — and in this
Instance I experience as feelingly as in
any other the dismal consequences of this
infernal War, A little Nephew of mine, my
Sister's only child, is I believe, long ere this
in England; The Gentleman under whose
care he went, was to make a point of
introducing him to You, & I cannot but
flatter myself, so far, at times, as to hope,

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that you will not altogether refuse him Your protection – to ask more I dare not; Our Family have suffered in the common distress, but they also met with more than one Friend amongst the British Officers – Aeland's – arrival was however very seasonable –

I must now take my leave of you my Dear Sir; uncertain as I am whether this Letter will ever reach You, or whose hands it may fall into, I defer saying a great deal – You remember the motto's I had taken, the one I have laid by – the other, in opposition to &c I still keep – I had almost omitted mentioning an affair of some consequence – A Letter I the other day received from my good Friend of Gilmerton, whom I can never forget, – informed me, that at the Death of a Lady, who is far advanced in Life, a House in

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Port Glasgow would revert to me as next heir by the Laws of Scotland, but I have not as yet had it in my power to find Persons who could witness a power of Attorney — be so kind, my Dear Sir, as to inform Sir David of this by Letter (for mine to him may miscarry) and to assure him of my eternal Gratitude for all his Goodness. — Assure Mrs Boone of my constant Love, and Esteem, & be persuaded that she, Yourself, and the Family have my best wishes for Your Health & Happiness.

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The enclosed has been written some time, as you will perceive by the date, My dear Sir, I could add a thousand things, but the chance of this Letter's ever reaching You, & the inspection it must undergo, cramps my Pen, Tho' you do not hear from me, be persuaded that I write — Col. Laurens had with Your's a very long, & confidential Letter to Muller — I have written since — My Love to Mrs Moore, & to the rest of the Family — How happy it would make me to see you all — if any opportunity offers that you can trust to, — Pray send my Snuff Box. —

Adieu my best of Friends —

Dear Sir — March 3d London

The above is a Copy of a letter from Hemlock in his postscript in 1782. he says he wrote you a long letter, this is the first I have received from him for near two Years. He is now in Carolina

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with his Wife whom he married in Virginia.
I understand, that notwithstanding the Part
he has taken, he is not well with his Countrymen. But he has saved his Estate. The Americans
have Confiscated mine. I had not known where to direct to you, but for the accident of
meeting a Mr Beaufeu on Board a Packet of
Jersey returning from Caen in Normandy after
placing his Son in the Academy there. I wrote
to you a la poste restante a Berlin 18 months ago.
If you chuse to write to Kinloch, I will convey
your Letters. My best Wishes & Respects wait
upon you and I remain Dear Sir

Your very Obed.t
& most Humble Servant

Custom House London — Tho Boone

March 3. 1783

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On the Sea shore about 20 miles N:E of Kensington — June 20th 1784

My dear friend, — the horrors of war are over, the post assumes its ancient regularity, & I write to you with a degree of confidence, which warms my heart, & calls forth the recollection of the many happy days we passed together on the borders of the clear lake. Yours of Geneva dated Jan: 10th 1784 reached me in about five months, & this will, I trust, be with you by the time that Mount Jura shall be covered with its first snow. You may always address your letters in the same manner accompanied with a line to White the delegates, & I will send mine to Mr Boone, who, by forwarding it, will save you postage — You might indeed send your letters to him also, but perhaps the other, though the most tedious, is the surest mode. Upon the whole I think your situation with the Sieur Procureur General better than with his Highness the Landgrave, for though not so brilliant, it leads sooner to that blessed independence, which is the object that there are more sighs for than ever beauty inspired — the article of health also is a very primary circumstance, for I am persuaded, that I should be happier in the lowest situation with the enjoyment of my health, than in the highest without it, & your opinion, I believe, is not very different — I shall soon talk to you of myself, but let me first beg, that you would assure

My excellent friend, my old patron, & protector, Mr Bonnet, that I never had the pleasure of receiving a line from him, if I had received a let=ter, I should have made a point of answering it directly — but I will write to Mr Bonnet myself — You must not be surprised, that less order even than formerly, for we are here living in a very small house for the sake of enjoying the sea air, you must not be surprised, I say, that less order, & method even than formerly should appear in my letters, for my little boy is crying full within my hearing, & my little girl is plaguing me at this instant to give her my garter, that she may make a bridle of it — When I was out of Congress, & married, I thought it best to retire for a time to the South West Mountains from whence I wrote to you, but now that we have peace, that I have sunk a considerable part of the debt I found my estate burthened with, & that I feel my inclination for a ~~ex~~ more extensive society renewed, with perhaps some few grains of ambition, we are returned to Kensington, where I amuse myself, with Agriculture, books, & my children — I must not however in justice to myself, omit adding, that it is one part of my amusement to think of former days, & of the dear friend that rendered those days so happy. Our present habitation is merely tempo=rary, as I mentioned to you before — Believe me, my good Muller, when we pas=sed our days under the humble shed — of ~~[illegible]~~ the bon homme Jacquemet, or rented the

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mansion of Maitre Andre Picot, when the fair La Palue prepared our repast, a honest Zersin cultivated our vineyard, when all our discourse was of what we had read that morning, or were to read next, when all your gri grievances were, that the wind had dispersed some of your notes, that you had not heard from Bonstetten lately, or that God had made your face round, instead of giving it some more pleasing form, when these were your grievances, I say, believe me, my friend, we were passing our most tranquil, if not the most exquisitely happy, days of our lives — It is true you had fits of despair come across you now & then, & were once on the point of jumping into a lake with a dreadful hard name, but when I assured you, that I would not say the Coffee was execrable again, you were soon reconciled, & consented to live. – Does it not please you, my friend, to think now of the little circumstances that marked our former life? Does not Magnimac, does not even Wit retain a place in your memory? for my part I feel over again very frequently the Hospitality of the good Man in Appenzel who received us so kindly; I seem still petrified, when I think of the stupidity that wearied us out at St Gal, & smile not unfrequently within myself at things that made me smile in ~~17~~75 — But of all the impressions that remain in my mind ~~Amongst the~~ ~~lively~~ most firmly fixed is the impression which the Goodness

and hospitality of Monsieur & Madame made upon me - Assure them, that I think of them as of my parents, with every degree of love, gratitude, & esteem — As to my own family - my Brother is here, & well, My Mother & Sister are gone to try the effects of English air, & My Wife & children are Well — The former, by the by, is almost jealous of You, She has been accustomed to see my letters in the usual formal style to my ordinary acquaintance, & is almost tempted to believe that I deceive her, & that I am writing to some female friend, instead of a Grave Professor. - I know You dislike that I should talk of things that appear in the Gazettes; I therefore say nothing of the War; but I must tell you as to our internal affairs, that the struggle has commenced, in this particular state I mean, between the superior people, & those of the more humble classes in life - They are both in my opinion much in the wrong - The latter lose sight of the Constitution altogether, & are for regulating things in their popular assemblies, the former observe the laws of the country better but ~~they~~ are too ambitious of ~~keep~~ keeping the administration of them in their own hands. — This puts me in mind of poor Geneva; for whose misfortunes I feel most sensibly, for

though the interposition of Strangers may have been necessary; though France Savoy & Berne may have ~~interfered~~ interfered with propriety, yet I can well conceive the insolence & overbearing airs of French Officers in a town like that, a city where, whose innocent amusements, & peculiar modes of life must have been broken in upon — Pray send me, not only every information respecting Geneva, but such respecting other powers, as the public papers are not likely to inform me of — How does it happen for instance — that G: Britain after a ruinous war & after having ill used the people of America, should keep up her credit, & ~~enjoy~~, I might almost say Monopolise, our trade? — How comes it that France, after a War in which her resources were not nearly called forth, should have a character of bankruptcy; & should not any way concern itself in the lucrative commerce of America? All the powers of Europe seem to act or to have acted [illegible] that would not even become an indiscreet individual — Spain during the [illegible] soliciting us to give her up all the territory between the Mississippi, & [illegible] of those rivers, which run into the Atlantic, & made this the price [illegible] knowledging our independence — Would people in their senses have [illegible] such a proposition? — Would people in their senses have acted so un=decided a part during the War? their exhausting themselves at Gibralter always puts me ~~of~~ in mind of a Whale's diverting himself with a cask which seamen throw out, that he may leave their vessel unmolested — Holland too — but ~~[illegible]~~ God Bless you, dear Parker, be persuaded that I think of you as I ever did — before Christmass I hope it will be in my power to send you something — Mention ~~me~~ me to Closon, as one, who wishes him, & his family every sort of happiness — I think of them with the greatest affection —

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every sort of happiness — I think of them with the greatest affection —
Keep me alive in the memory of any of my Genevois friends you converse
with — My Wife is now convinced, that my letter to you can not be too affectionate
[we] both advise, & desire, that after the Old-fashioned general shall be no more
[...] you would come & pass some years with us. Give my love to Bourstillen & my
best respects to his lady & send me some information of my poor relations near Grandson &c.

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par voye d'Ostende

Monsieur

Monsieur Le Professeur Muller

Chez Monsieur Bonnet de Genthod

près de Suisse à ~~Geneve~~ Valeyre

Cette lettre étant restée à la Poste faute d'avoir paié l'enregistrement, Elle a été retirée & affranchie ce jourd'huy 15. Oct. 1784 par J. D. & A. de ...

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Opened on acc.t of the Foreign Postage not being paid.

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Monsieur

C'est avec un veritable Plaisir que la famille Kinloch
& toutes les Branches de ce pays qui luy sont alliées,
ont appris par Monsieur le Professeur [illegible] que vous
luy aviez demandé des Nouvelles de vos Parens de Suisse
Ils ont été extremement charmés d'apprendre des votres,
ayant été mis en peine sur votre compte, le Bruit
s'étant repandu ici je ne sçais sur quel fondement
que vous aviez été tué en Amerique dans une
Recontre; Dieu soit loué que ce Bruit est
sans fondement. Comme il est arrivé de grands
changemens, & de grands vuides dans la famille
ce sera moy qui ferai la fonction de Secretaire &
aurai l'honneur de m'entretenir avec vous
le bon Monsieur Kinloch notre Beau Pere au grand regret
de sa famille & de ses Connoissances, a été enlevé de ce
monde il y a actuellement six ans; Monsieur de Brackel
qui vivoit alors, en fit part a (Monsieur Kinloch son
frere qui herita beaucoup par la Mort du defunt,)
puisque toutes les Rentes qu'il retiroit d'Ecosse etoient
eteintes avec luy: Il repondit tres gracieusement,
paya les Arrerages de la Rente de mon Beau Pere
pendant l'Année entiere, quoi que mon Compte étoit de
Prendre pendant sa vie Vingt cinq livres Sterlings
de Rente à Mademoiselle Susette Kinloch, & à son
frere James, les deux Enfans de son frere, non mariés
et non Etablis: Mais sa generosité n'a pas eu une etendue
bien ample, puisqu'il n'a payé ces £20 st. que deux
Ans, & a pretendu ensuitte que des depenses de
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façon que mon Beaufrère James n'ayant pas de quoi vivre
est entretenu au depens de ses Amis. Il passe toute
L'Année a la Campagne avec Madame [illegible]
va quelquefois a la Chasse, & est absolument Incapable
d'aucune occupation utile. Madlle [illegible] est
dans le même Cas que son frère du côté de la fortune
elle est presque l'ordinaire a Chambery chez sa
Tante Brackel elle a conservé toute sa gaieté &
sa Bonne humeur. Quand à Madame De
Brackel qui a perdu son Excellent Mari il y a
quatre ans, elle passe presque toute l'Année a
sa Terre, & depuis quelque tems jouit d'asséz
peu de Santé: son fils est un grand & Beau
Garçon qui est officier dans le Regiment
D'Alsace au Service de France, on en est Content
de luy: Mes Nieces Brackel ses Soeurs sont
toutes quatre grandes & Bien faites, sans être
ce qu'on appelle precisement Belles, elles ont
toutes a faitte Bonne façon, & ont un air de
santé & de fraicheur qui faitt qu'elles plaisent
plus que des Beautés plus Regulieres.
Nous avons de tres Bonnes Nouvelles de Madame
Bowen notre Sœur qui est etablie a Hollande
c'est la plus digne des femmes, elle n'a qu'une
[illegible] de jeunes filles qui sont tres dignes de la
plus grande [illegible] & d'une figure tout a faitt
avantageuse. La Cadette de mes Belles Soeurs
que vous avez vue par [illegible], & qui étoit en Hollande
pendant votre séjour là, a epousé un Monsieur
[illegible] Docteur en droit, originaire du Pays de
Brunswick. C'est une des aimables femmes, elle est
mere de Cinq Enfans encore jeunes: elle est depuis
trois ans domiciliée ici avec son Epoux, & ils
ont chez eux en Pension trois jeunes Gentilshommes
Anglois en Pension.

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Ma femme est d'une Constitution [très] delicate, & jouit de tres peu de Santé, Nous avons quatre Enfans, un fils que tout le monde dit etre votre portrait pour la figure, il se fait aimer generalement, & travaille avec moy dans mon Commerce. On aime aussi mes trois filles, dont les deux Cadettes sont de tres Bons enfans, l'Ainée que vous avez Connu, a fort peu de Santé, & ne se Soutient que par sa grande vivacité, ayant de la disposition à l'Ethisie.

Voila toute la famille descendue de mon Cher Beau Pere à l'Exception de son fils David, qui avoit un tres Bon Poste à Hougli dans le Bengale chès les Hollandois le Poste malheureusement pour luy, etoit seulement trop bon, les Hollandois jaloux de le voir Possedé par un François, ont Imaginé contre luy mille Calomnies l'ont Emprisonné, & traitté si durement dans sa prison, que sa raison en avoit été alterée; Actuellement il est hors de Prison, mais on nous le depeint comme allant dans un assés triste etat, & comme se representant encor quelquefois des Cruels traitemens qu'il a eprouvé de la Part de ses Persecuteurs.

Voila tous vos Parens Suisses passés en Revue, Tous ont été Infiniment flattés de votre obligeant Souvenir & ont appris de vos Nouvelles avec la plus vive Satisfaction: Ils me chargent tous de vous presenter leurs Honneurs les plus empressés, & de faire agreer l'assurance de leurs Respects a Madame votre Mere si elle vit encor comme nous le Croyons. J'ai en mon Particulier l'Honneur d'etre avec une Vraye & Parfaitte Consideration

Monsieur

Votre tres humble & tres obeissant Serviteur
Decoppet Kinloch

A Yverdon 4e Janvier 1785

Envoyé en extrait.

Monsieur
Kinlock

Monsieur

Monsieur Le Capitaine De Traytorens m'a Communiqué la lettre par laquelle vous luy apprenés que Monsieur Kinloch de la Caroline notre Parent Desireroit savoir des Nouvelles de la famille de feu mon Beau Pere. Il y a si long tems que nous n'avons entendu parler de Monsieur Kinloch que nous L'avons cru mort, luy de son Coté ignore vraisemblablement, que mon Beau Pere, & mon Beaufrere Brackel ne sont plus au Nombre des Vivans. Je luy en fais part par L'Incluse, & luy donne quelques details sur le reste de la famille, je serois extremement flattée si vous voulés bien Monsieur avoir la Complaisance de me faire part, de ce que vous savés concernant Monsieur Kinloch où il est, & dans quelle situation, quels Emplois il possede, & si Madame sa Mere vit encor.

Ayés la bonté de joindre ma lettre a celle que vous luy écrirés, actuellement que L'Amerique est en Paix, je crois que les Lettres pour la Caroline n'essuyeront aucun retard, en les faisant passer par un Port de France, Le Havre, La Rochelle, Nantes, ou Bordeaux: si je ne me trompe cette derniere place fait le plus d'affaires avec L'Amerique.

J'ay L'honneur d'etre avec la Consideration la plus distinguée

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infiniment flattée si vous vouliés bien Monsieur
avoir la Complaisance de me faire part, de ce
que vous savez concernant Monsieur Kinloch,
où il est, & dans quelle situation, quels Emplois
il Possede, & si Madame sa Mere vit encore.

Ayez la bonté de Joindre ma Lettre a celle que
vous luy écrirez, actuellement que l'Amerique est
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n'essuyeront aucun retard, en les faisant passer
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Nantes, ou Bourdeaux: si je ne me trompe Cette
derniere Place fait le plus d'affaires avec
l'Amerique

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Votre tres humble & tres
obeissant Serviteur
[illegible] Kinloch

Yverdon 5e Janvier 1785.

May 29th - [illegible]
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I am not ashamed, My dear Mother, of not having written to you for some time, for you will have learnt the misfortunes that have befallen me, you will have pitied me & have not thought it surprising that I did not write. - My Mind is now more at ease, & I can recommence our correspondence with pleasure. Yours from Avenche, through your carelessness, has been near five months coming to me, but I was too happy to see three pages ~~griffon~~ with your well known hand writing not to forget the time they had been on the road. - I was sliding so fast into every quiet enjoyment of domestic life, that you must not wonder if my mind seemd taken up altogether with the objects around me, but if you wish me to send you any information from this country, you should point out the sources by putting questions, which I would endeavour to answer. Do not however expect any thing very refined in our politics - the disapointments of a few emig=

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=lers, worked upon by the ancient Oliverian spirit, that panted to suffer once more for the "good old cause", the idle opulence of the Southern provinces, where something was wanted to employ the heavy hours of life. the stupidity of two or three British Gover=
=nors, & the cruel impolitic behaviour of their government brought on & kept up the war, which was conducted on both sides, & terminated in a manner that has convinced me, that there are certain extensive operations determined upon by providence, which are not to be fore=
seen, aided, or obviated by human means. — Our Constitutions in the several states as yet have taken no settled form, for the people are perpetually forgetting that liberty can not exist, where the law is not omnipotent — I will now speak to You of my=
self — My Estate did suffer considerably last year by the inundations of Peedee & Waccamaw (the Altamaha is many a hundred mile from my house) but I am still able to send You 30. & la pauvre Suzette. 20. — these sums will reach You I fancy through the hands of

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Mr Boone about the month of september. – I expect to see you in Europe in the course of the year after next, & it is not im=possible, but what I may come to Yverdun a Gen thod – do you think I could once more hire André Picot's house for a summer? I have answered Mr Coppet in a manner that he, I hope, will think very polite, but have made one very ridiculous mistake; for I have told him, that you had informed me, that one of his children was very like me:– now it will occur to him at once, that as you are not acquainted in his family, you must have collected this important circumstance from his letter – You will get out of the scrape in the best manner you can – the next time however that you receive such a letter for me, send it by all means, for compliments are as scarce here as they are common in Switzerland. – The Manners of the people of this country are not so reserved as the English, nor so free as the French, they are dissipated & luxurious, but hospitable to strangers, & placing a great part of their

happiness in eating & drinking well - A few Lawyers, who are men of excellent parts, do the business of the State, but the back country people are getting by degrees the Majority in our Legislature -

I am altogether unconnected with public business, for my health will not permit me to stay here in summer - One poor little girl who is all the family I have is with her grandmother in Virginia - I am going to pass the hot months of the summer with her, & shall return here in November - till Bonstetten I shall always love him for his & for your sake, & am sorry that I never was in the same place with his cousin, who does not appear to have made one reputable acquaintance in this country. I swear to you by all the Gods, I will not wait for an answer but will write you a long letter very soon again - As I expect to be in Europe in 10 months, I do not encourage you to come here. if any valuable works have appeared lately, send me their titles, that I may have them sent to me from England & France - Yours for ever. let your letters always come by the way of W Boone -

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Virginia Sep: 10th 1785—

Your letter of April from Genthod has made me very happy, & I am pleased to see our ancient correspondence taking something like its ancient form—. I wrote to You lately, & wrote at the same time to Mr Coxe— the remittance I mentioned to him, & the small sum I intend for you, will reach Your snowy regions before Christmas, the reason of its not being sooner is, that the Gentlemen of our Country hardly ever have it in their power to do business of that sort, but in the autumn, when our crops are sold.— I have however, my dear Mother, a much better expedient for the future, for I have hopes of sending a young gentleman to Your care in the spring of 86—; he is the son of my Sister's Husband, who was killed before Charleston in 79, & has been brought up entirely under my

care — He has genius, is sixteen years of age, & his disposition
a good one — the consent of his other Guardians is necessary for
the step I propose, but I am scarcely doubtful of obtain-
ing it — Now I beg of you, my dear friend, to write to me
(by the way of ~~[illegible]~~ your last) as soon as this shall have reached
you, & to tell me, what would be the expence of this young
Gentleman's living with you in a good pension at Yverdun
— I mean he should pay for your board, & that he should allow
you something besides for your attention; to this first expence
you must add those of clothes, masters of dancing, fencing
& Mathematics, & tell me what the whole will come to —
I can regulate the amount of his pocket money very easily.
I have mentioned Yverdun, as a place, where my relations
would be kind to him, where he would live at less expence
than at Geneva, & & where nothing English would approach
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I well knew how you would feel for me, & your mind has suggested to you those resources which I had recourse to — Had I not been fond of reading, my mind must have sunk under the misfortunes that oppressed me; as it is, I have borne them better than I could have expected, & have consoled myself by the consciousness of having done nothing that could deserve my hard fate. — My reading has been rather of a light sort — dummodo risum excutiam was all my object — I must not however omit our old friends Horace & Virgil, whom I have recourse to continually — A great part of my amusement has consisted in planting trees, enlarging my garden, & beautifying my country seat — I found the House on my return from Europe ~~ingreat~~ with the gloomy air of the mansion of some ruined family; it was surrounded by Barns, stables, & out houses, & the huts of the Negroes were

got together in a heap, & bespoke every sort of wretchedness —
The Barns &c: now form wings to the Principal building,
or are so placed as to form agreeable objects at a distance,
the House itself is repaired, & painted, & my Negroes have
quitted their miserable huts for comfortable houses, which are
laid off in a town, in the midst of which I have erected a
cross — To say with Dido — "Urbem praeclaram statui, mea
mania vidi" — would ~~like~~ look like vanity, but my sensati:
ons, as I walk through my village, are not less comfortable
than those which flattered her imaginations in her last mo:
ments. By your not sending me your history, I must
suppose it is written in German, for surely you would not
deny me the satisfaction of reading your works — When
I look into any thing of Mr. Bonnet's, I feel a certain
self complacency & from having known the author, so that

You may judge how interested I should be in any thing of Your's, & more particularly, as I may be said to have assisted at the birth of Your history — Many a time would the wind have hurried some of the precious scraps of paper, on which You used to write Your notes, towards the bosom of the lake, had it not been for me, & many a time have I warmed Your genius, by telling You, in the spirit of pro=phecy, of the name, & reputation which awaited You. —

You have no doubt seen the collection which has been published of our thirteen constitutions, & will have perceived how much they are form'd on the model of the English Govern=ment — We have two constitutions — that of Massachusetts Bay, & that of New York, which approach nearer to perfec=tion, than any thing I remember — Life, liberty, & property are bet=

-ter secured than in England, but because it is expressly said, that
there never shall, or can be any bill of attainder —
A bill that has passed the two houses should surely not
be at the mercy of an individual citizen, nor is it at the
same time improbable, but that a person, who may be sup-
posed divested of the prejudices, which inspire the members of a
popular assembly, may discover impropriety in it, or contra-
dictions to some necessary law; — The Governor therefore, in the
two states abovementioned, can not reject, as the King in England
can, but with the advice & opinion of the Chancellor & judges
he can order a revision. — In all, but in the States of
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New York Criminals are in many cases condemned to Work, as at Berne, instead of being put to death, and Beccaria's elegant superstructure upon three sentence of Montesquieu is universally admired.— The great defect amongst us is in our ideas of trade, & finances— You would suppose that the first was regulated by fraudulent bankrupts, & the other by sharpers— For the present, dear Muller, I take my leave of you— I wrote last week a very long letter to Mr Bonnet; I hope it will get to him— I gave 3 guineas for his works published at Yves Iverdun to a Bookseller in Philadelphia; If you could send me some observations on those of your Helvetic constitutions, which are of a Popular form, I should be obliged to you, but talk not of Berne, Schaffouse, or Lucerne; ~~as~~ there never surely was less liberty than in your Aristocratical Cantons— Amongst us, We are aristocratical, as for the con-

duct of public business requires it, but the People do all they are capable of — I intended to have finished on the other side, but know you so well, as to be sure, that you will thank me for devoting what remains of the sheet to the continuation of my letter — Do not think that I have quitted public business altogether, I have receded a little, but it is that I may spring the further the next time. I do not certainly know the time of my visiting Europe again, but I shall most certainly allow myself that pleasure in a year or two: I will come to you, in that case, or you shall come to me, as may be most convenient to both — Give my love to Bonstetten, & tell him, I am jealous of his being able to be so much more your friend, than I can be at this distance — Once more Adieu, & be assured that I love you with truly fraternal affection — My Brother is all your think of him, & gives his love to you —

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Charleston March 19th 1786
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I thank you much my dear & ever honoured friend, for your last enclosing one from Muller, & hope that Mr Boone's health is long ere this reestablished, without your having been under the necessity of trying what a effect a change of climate would have — Whenever I begin a letter to you, my faculties of writing seem obstructed by a sense of the injuries you have received from my countrymen; this hangs heavy at my heart, & checks every effusion which I used formerly to indulge in with so much pleasure. — You will have heard of my second marriage, & will naturally have accounted for my not following yours & Muller's advice with respect to a voyage to Europe — I was once on the point of embarking, & was certain of being able to pass some years with infinite satisfaction, ~~but~~ but when I looked forward to the time of returning here, when I figured to myself the miseries of that

lonely unconnected situation I should have been condemned to in a Country, where there is not only no happiness, but no amusement of out of one's own family, my resolution failed, & I was fortunate enough to connect myself with a young lady whom I had long known to possess a good heart with every advantage of education — The wound which my heart & mind have received is not however to be cured so easily; I still & ever shall remember "that such things were, & were most dear to me." — At the next General Election in November I expect to be in the house again, & shall then once more commence a career of ambition, more from a wish of employment, than through passion, so that if I am disappointed, it will not mortify me very much. — Any Experienced person who were to be informed of our distracted situation in politics, would very reasonably suppose, that the State was falling to pieces very fast, & yet he would be mistaken; for the very

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You will be pleased to know that my private affairs are in ~~better~~ order in consequence of some payments, & some very capital discoveries, which my brother & myself have lately made — I ~~the~~ informed You once, that our estate had run us in debt about 9000 £ sterling — but a demand of upwards of 2000 £ has

come against us since — this however has led to an investigation which has been exceedingly advantageous to us, for we have discovered that large quantities of rice had never been put to our credit by the merchant, who received the crops of the estate, & that our late brother in law owed us a very considerable sum.— I feel myself privileged to tell you of my private concerns, & hope that you will applaud us both for having paid our debts, when there was no law to oblige, & no example to encourage us.— The sales of my crop are about £800 & my expences, I mean those of the plantation, near four hundred, so that I hope in a year or two still to visit Europe, & am certain that I could live at a much less expence in any part of England, or France, than here.—

This letter will be delivered to you by B— Huger the eldest of

my late Brother in law's sons — I beg leave to recommend him to your acquaintance during the little time he stays in England — He is going to Muller, & I flatter myself that the connection will be useful to them both. —

Assure Mrs Boone of my most sincere wishes for the reestablishment of her health, & give my love to her, to Miss Boone to Miss S: Boone, & to your Son — I hope the whole family [illegible] consider me as one nearly connected with them, [illegible] that [illegible] they do justice to those sentiments of unalterable regard, & esteem, which I cherish in my bosome. — Inclosed is a bill of exchange, which I beg of you to forward under cover to M— Louis De Coppet — à Yverdun en Suisse — A daughter of Sir James Kinloch, who was by birth entitled to the Gilmerton estate, is reduced so low as to stand in need of £20 to pay her "pension" — I wish my old acquaintance Lady Cunliffe knew of it —

Adieu — My dearest best of friends —

Ever Yours [illegible] Kinloch

Thomas Boone Esq:re

A Commissioner of the Customs
Custom house
London

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New-port Rhode-Island July 8th 1786

Dear Sir,

My last was by Dr. Moyes, & enclosed a plot of the piece of marsh land, which Miss Boone is entitled to — I also mention'd to You, by the advice of Mr. H: Rutledge, the lawyer whom I employed on the occasion, that it was necessary, your niece should send over some attested proof of her being the representative of Your brother Daniel, in which case, the affair would be attended with no further difficulty. — You will perceive by the date, that I have changed the heated atmosphere of Charleston for a much happier climate, & no climate surely deserves the appellation of happy more than this, where the sun is not only warm enough to bring the fruits of the earth to perfection, & where the means of life are cheap, & of the best quality, & where the air is purity itself. — I think I have heard You

say, that You had been in Rhode-island, & that You were much pleased with every thing but the people. — Your observation would be the same if You were here now — I was present at the Debates of the lower house the other day, & for the first time conceiv'd some idea of what had carried the inhabitants of this state, & Connecticut so headlong into the war — a little reflection might have told them, that they would infallibly be ruin'd as merchants, if they succeeded in their politicks; that Gt. Britain would encourage the fisheries, & oil manufactory of its own subjects, — & that the want of a naval protection would prevent their going into the Mediterranean; but they are descended; as their looks, their language, the cut of their clothes, their wigs, & their religion prove, from those men who first raised the Flame of rebellion in England in the

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last century, & who gloried in suffering for the good old cause — like their ancestors they are uneasy under any form of government, & tyrannical to excess when they ~~have~~ possessed of power: do but cast your eye over the enclosed copy of an act passed at the last session — It was certainly the will of providence, that America should be independent, for in the Southern states, where no such causes existed, how many others are to be assigned! The Government of Virginia, where the Governor & Council constituted the supreme court in all matters criminal, & civil, furnished the Virginians with sufficient cause to wish for an alteration, & the Gentlemen of Carolina were grown too opulent to be confined to the care of their estates, & stood in need of some scope to that ambition, which of itself takes place ~~take place~~ in the breasts of those

who are rich, idle, & well educated:– the consequence of all this is, the Southern people are rather gainers by a revolution which it required some art to make, than bear a share in, whilst those of the Northern & Eastern states are ruined by what they were so anxious to bring about. Baltimore, which twenty five years ago did not contain fifty houses, has now two thousand at the lowest calculation, Charleston improves, & Richmond in Virginia has grown into a considerable place – But Boston is going fast to decay, & the ruin'd wharves of Newport imply a melancholy truth – I every day sail over places where large Warehouses formerly stood, or strike upon the ruins of a wharf at the distance of thirty or forty yards from the shore – New York is still a very agreeable place, but their trade has not as yet by any means recovered the effects of the war, & the change of government – The trade of S: Carolina

is about two thirds of what it was before the war in articles of exportation, & our importations will necessarily diminish from a variety of causes. — I shall leave my wife here in the course of the week after next, & go to the S. West Mountains on a visit to my friends there, but chiefly to see my little daughter, with whom I mean to pass a week — the stage, which goes near a hundred miles a day, renders such a journey a much easier ~~journey~~ affair, than it would have been formerly — it carries me within sixty miles of Mr Walker's. —

In a former letter of yours you desire I would obtain payment from Mr Gibbes for a parcel of yr rice sold him by Postell — I have applied to him, & so has Mr Ancrum — but to no purpose — I wish we may either of us ever succeed better. — Our paper money in Carolina

supports it's credit as yet very well, & the more easily from the circumstance of it's not being a tender in law — to People who were desirous of paying their debts the loan of £230 was of service, but many individuals have been only encouraged by it to persevere in their extravagance, for Charleston is the place of all others I believe where ~~most~~ the greatest numbers live beyond their income. Gen: Greene died a few weeks ago in Georgia from the effects of a coup de soleil — though in possession of your land by purchase I have heard him more than once regret that it had been confiscated — He was the most distinguished of our American Generals, & knew more of the detail of an army, & of the modes of supplying it than any of them — He had as ~~much~~ enter=prising a spirit as Lord Cornwallis, & was as decisive as Lord Raw=don, & knew better than either of them how to extricate himself

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a workman, as he was afterwards a general — His ~~—~~
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a very pleasing one: — His Wife, who is tired with her co=
quette, was the daughter of very poor parents on Block
island. — If such details of our principal characters
afford you any amusement, pray let me know, & I will
endeavour to enrich my future letters with them. —
Long as my letter is I can not conclude it without
saying something of her who has brought me once more to
have a relish for the enjoyments of life, & to look forward
to scenes of increasing domestic happiness. — She is the eldest daug

ter of Mr J: Rutledge, has received an excellent education & has known what adversity is. — We are old acquaintances, & were always prepossed in favour of each other — my life is now getting into that easy channel I was torn from, but with all the merit, the softness & tenderness of my wife, & notwithstanding my hopes of a family which I may yet live to bring up, — I can not but remember such things were, & were most dear unto me. God bless you, my dear Sir, & your children to whom I ever shall regard myself as a brother — Mr Bourne too has my most sincere wishes for her health & happiness. — I am & ever will be with truly filial affection Yours

F. Kinloch

Pray remember me most affectionately to your brother & to Mr Bourne.

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I thank you very much, my dear friend, for your ~~letter~~ of 12th September, & without following you through the various parts of your letter, where each paragraph is an animated picture, or without entering into any detail at present of myself, my situation, & my views, I must come at once to a subject which is extensive enough for the bounds of the longest letter – The bearer of this letter is Benjamin Huger the eldest, by a former wife of my sister's late husband – he is my ward, & I have been at length able to prevail upon those who are his guardians jointly with myself, that he should go to England, & from thence without delay to Switzerland – He is seventeen years of age, is tolerably well grounded in the classics, is shrewd & sensible, & possesses, beyond any young man I know, that sort of discretion, which is necessary in a foreign country; for he will neither run in

in debt, or expose himself to the consequences of low & illiberal pleasures. – My plan is that he should live two years in some little town of Switzerland, where he may have society enough to teach him the language, without any temptations which might break in upon his mornings, & that he should pass a third year at Ge=neva, where he may amuse himself as he thinks proper, & receive that polish, which Yverdun or Grançon are not likely to give. – In the prosecution of such a plan, who can I think of to assist me so na=turally as yourself? but I am at a loss to guess whether it will suit you to devote so much of your time to the education of this young gentleman – at all events, see him fixed with a proper person, if you can not stay with him yourself, & let it be at

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with ~~you~~ him yourself, or fix him with some person
who may be a good representative of you, I proceed
to the particulars of my plan, which is however sub=
=ject to any alterations You & he may agree upon —
Establish yourselves in a good pension, the expence of
which must be defrayed by him alone, assist him in
allotting so much of his yearly £200 to each article of
expence, & of the remainder, say candidly how much shall
be paid You for Your time, & attention — relying always,

on fifty guineas being paid you at the termination of the time you remain together. — A general knowlege of the rise, the progress, & decline of ancient & modern states, is the object to which his studies should be principally directed, & on this head no one is so capable of assisting him as yourself; but he should also be grounded in the more useful branches of the mathematics, & you may ~~be~~ easily get some pedant to render him that service — In reading history with him, remember that he is the citizen of a republic, & point out the errors which led to the destruction of ancient republics, point out the advantages & disadvantages of the governments of that sort, which exist in your own country, & teach him to make a

comparison between those, & the one he is to live in.
Be upon your guard against the principles of Montesquieu, which are not always to be had recourse to — in Virginia for instance — the person who drew up their Constitution, being a great reader of Montesquieu, has made it unlawful, that any Member of the Judicative body should be at the same time in the Legislature; the consequence of which is, that being obliged to make judges & chancellors of their ~~best pe~~ most distinguished characters, they are ~~approv~~ deprived of their assistance in the making of laws, where they are still more wanted than on the bench. I have always been in the habitude of writing to you from the bottom of my heart, & it is necessary I should do so now, when I am introducing a stranger into your bosom — This young gentleman has not, I am afraid, that openness of

disposition which I would wish, & which you have been accustomed to in your most intimate friends, & carrys his prudence in money Matters to something like distrust of those who have any to settle with him — He has not always behaved well to me, but this effort I have made to procure him a liberal education, in spite of some difficult & mortifying circumstances, will, I hope, have established in his mind a proper sense of my friendship for him — As soon as this reaches, let me beg that you would write to me (by the way of my best friend) without ~~losing~~ deferring it a day, & by all means, keep the most regular account, & transfer it to me twice a year, as far as you are concerned in the disbursement of the 200£. — I am the more glad of the

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I feel awkwardly at telling you, that I am married once more, but you will not be surprised, when you con=sider the lonely situation to which I was at at once condemned. — I have one daughter who lives with her grandmother in Virginia — My wife has good sense & every good quality that was necessary to restore my mind

to that state from which I was so suddenly torn —
It was singular enough that You should be rambling
over Switzerland whilst I was wandering over the back
country of Virginia — my letter — in which I attempted
to give You some idea of the tour I made, will
have reached You ere this —
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Yours, because the plan above mentioned would, I thought,
supply your present wants, & it is not so convenient
to me at this moment as at some future period when You
perhaps will want thirty pounds more — the debts I have
to pay contracted by bad management before the ~~begin~~
War, & ~~during~~ by necessity in the course of it, still keep me
poor — but I am not afraid of serving You essentially
yet before many years — in the mean time God Bless You
my dear friend —

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the opportunity of writing to You is so good a one, that I feel it incumbent upon me to write You a longer letter, than I at first intended to do — Our country is increasing rapidly in every thing but good government, & the evils which have arisen from our vicious administration of public affairs ~~will~~ will at length prove a very sufficient remedy, so that we bid fair to be a flourishing republic in time. — The misfortune in the mean time is, that Individuals, who carry their little interests with them into the Legislature, have been able to bring about such laws as were calculated to put them out of the reach of their creditors, but which are destructive of that mutual confidence which is the cement of society. — The origin of all this our excessive luxury in our houses, equipages, & tables,

a luxury, which you would laugh at, if I were to
tell you how awkwardly it sits upon a great many —
B: Huger is able to give you a very good account of this
country, so that I will tell you no more about it — as to
himself — be upon your guard in your setting off with him,
let him consider you as a friend, a preceptor in one, but do
not let yourself down to that footing of familiarity, which
we lived upon — it may do very well two years hence.
Pray tell Mr Bonnet, that I wrote him a very long letter
from Virginia last autumn, & that the last edition of
his works is to be found in the only two bookseller's shops
we have — A young Fauche from Yverdon or Neuchatel
has poured an inundation of French books upon us,
but I do not believe he will make much by them —
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guineas? – the prints & paper are of an inferior quality, it is true, but still it is the Encyclopedie —— why the devil don't you send me some work of yours, if it is but a Lettre Critique, or a voyage des Potes? Your history has not I suppose made its appearance in French, or I trust ~~suppose~~ you would have contrived to make it reach me – I am reading a Roman History of Ferguson's whom you knew with Lord Chesterfield at Geneva – it is in my opinion a great work, & the idea of passing over such common occurrences as are known to every one a good one. I am delighted at being spared the death of Remus, the rape of Lucretia, & of having my attention called only to such changes in the government or such importants

-quents as any worthy of it — You will blame me, I know, for saying so little of myself in so long a letter, but believe me, my friend, that would be but a melancholy theme, & I prefer any other — My health is perfectly reestablished, & my mind at ease, but having no fix bosom friend, & a great many formal acquaintances, my life is past without many of those enjoyments which I was accustomed to when younger, & my time is sacrificed to ceremony when in town — When in the country in my own village, & walking with my wife I am truly happy. Give my love to Bonstetten — Assure Mr & Mrs Bonnet of my continued & unalterable affection, & believe me ever yours —

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5th June 1787 247/248

I say nothing of my past silence, my dear good friend, but beg you would forget it, or that you would attribute it to the report that got here of your having joined the shades of your illustrious countrymen in the Elysian fields, amoena vireta fortunatorum nemorum, sedesque beatas — If such had been the will of fate, how delighted you would have been to converse with those ancients, whose works have animated you to virtue, and to literary glory! — for my part, I should take a great deal of satisfaction in gratifying my curiosity upon several points of history, and in becoming acquainted with the truth of some interesting anecdotes — Admiral Russel would tell me whether he really meant to give up the fleet with which he defeated the French at La Hogue, and Swift would explain the astonishing mystery of his connection with Stella, to whom he was secretly married, but never alone with.

5th Jan. 179[illegible]

I sent Mr Bonnet some time ago a translation of my tour through Pennsylvania, & Virginia but have never heard of its reaching him — do ask him in your first letter whether he received it — I am not certain whether I sent you the original or not, but I will not only send you that, but my last tour which was a more interesting one. — You asked me some time ago to send you the skull of an indian, & there was at that time a great probability of there being indian skulls in abundance, for the Georgians & Creeks were on the point of falling out; a peace however has been patched up between them, tho' it is impossible it should ~~long~~ last long; for the Georgians are grasping after land, & the Creeks are resolute in keeping them to their old boundaries — these last are headed by a ~~man~~ [illegible] of the half=blood, whose name is Mr Gilivray; He is a well educated, determined man, & dresses like

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a savage, but lives like a gentleman & reads Shakespeare in the inmost recesses of the Creek nation. — How many interesting anecdotes could I send you, my dear friend, if we lived near to each other, but the length of time which must elapse before a letter can reach you, & the idea of its crossing the Atlantic, & the German ocean has something in it, which chills my imagination. — [illegible] going to you from Neuchatel instead of fixing himself at Iverdun, was what I did not expect, but if he can set down quietly in your study, & be advised in all his pursuits by your better knowledge, I shall be extremely glad that his restlessness took so happy a turn — Let me know from you of the plan of life you have laid down for him, & of his studies, amusements, & expences, — & tell me candidly your opinion of him — I am only afraid, that he will not learn to speak the French language well at Meyance, but a year hence at

Geneva will obviate that difficulty. — Conjure him to write to me frequently, for the consequence of his not writing is that I am kept in ignorance of his progress in literature, of his situation, or wishes, and am therefore incapable of forming any plan for his future government. — Pray tell me what is supposed in Europe to be the situation of Holland, & whether it is probable that any alteration will take place in their Government? — what the meaning of the visit in Vienna is — whether Joseph does not fall short of the idea once formed of him? — and lastly, whether the Commercial Treaty between England & France does not excite a great deal of attention? I wish very much that you or any acquaintances of yours who are men of knowledge would send me some well digested questions upon the moral & Physical state of this Country — I now bid you adieu, for my only son has the small pox, & I am with his Mother a joint Nurse —

Yours for Ever [illegible]

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Charleston October 26 [illegible]

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When I consider, my dear [illegible], our first acquaintance, our meetings, & the hours we used to pass together on the Boulevard St Antoine, when I think of the life that we led together at Guilford, & how much we were as one mind & as one soul, I am as much delighted at the success you have met with in the world, as brothers, or parents are at the success of those most dear to them — I read the account of your establishment at Mayence & of your excursion to Italy with a sort of satisfaction, which puts me in mind of Aeneas finding out himself amongst the warriors painted on the walls of the temple [illegible] Carthage, & I am delighted to think, that I have contributed a little in giving you to the world. My obligations to you are infinite at the same time, & I have found repeated consolation & never failing resources in that taste for litterature which I imbibed with you. — Had I remained the subject of

a monarch, I might have pushed my fortune at a Court,
but Nature never calculated me to make a figure in a repub=
=lic, & I have aspired at nothing more than honorable mediocrity.
You will no doubt have seen published the plan of government
now proposed to the people of the united states in consequence of
a convention held at Philadelphia, & though it has faults,
I think you will approve of it — Without it, we are in the
road to misery, & confusion, for the Revolution having broken,
& confounded the political ideas of men, we have found it im=
=possible to support a government, which neither honor, fear, or
virtue could attach us to, or keep us quiet under, & we are now reverting
in some measure to the principles of that excellent constitution,
which the folly of the British Ministry, & our precipitation depri=
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common enemy at hand to unite us in a general defense in case we should quarrel. — The liberty & property of individuals will be under the protection of the Federal head, for no state will be able to make unjust laws about debts, as has been so frequently done, & we shall have one general system of trade. — I have written two or three letters to Huger of late, & have laid down my opinion of the route he should pursue in the sciences, but I would not wish him to adhere to it, if you differ in opinion — I have really the same sort of affection for him, which I should entertain for a son, & shall receive a most heartfelt satisfaction if he turns out well, which I have sincerely no doubt of. — If he studys the Law, he must leave you soon, & go to one of the inns of Court in London, for it is impossible to acquire that profession any where else — but of this we shall determine hereafter. — I am very glad he has acquired so much of the French language, though you make me a little jealous, when you say, he speaks it as well as I used to do — it comforts me by…

me that I never said "Butin" for butin; or he mention'd, that after having passed the lake, j'avois "débordé" au cabaret, as a certain ex-Professeur of my acquaintance did — It will be some time, I hope, before Huger talks of either. — I went to Philadelphia during the summer, & from thence carried my wife to Bethlehem, where the Moravians, who are all Germans, have a settlement, & where we passed some days — I was delighted at the joint production of industry, frugality, ingenuity, & religion — You know the history, & police of these people, & you would be pleased to see how well they have succeeded in America — Huger can tell you of Salem, but Bethlehem is superior — the town is on a rising ground, at the foot of which flows a small stream, no way different from numerous streams which flow undistinguished through the country, but which the Moravian congregation have made the most of — it grinds their corn, pounds bark, throws up water for the use of the inhabitants, hulls barley & expresses oil from flax seed; it then waters their gardens, & orchards & finishes by setting a saw mill in motion — I could not help

fancying to myself the ~~sort~~ degree of adoration which the inhabitants of Bethlehem would have paid in Heathen times to the Naiad of this blessed Stream — Ah Were you not sorry at Rome to think that the Jupiter Fulminans had given place to St Peter. Pray tell me how his Holiness received you, & whether you kissed him, & what part — Your hero Joseph talks in my opinion very fast, & I wish his subjects of Brabant may be too strong for him — after so pitiful a termination of his Dutch quarrel, nothing is to be expected from him — ~~after~~ I had hoped that the Melancholy genius of Antwerp would have raised its head, but he suffered himself to be frightened, & bought off — Adieu — My dear Thaker — be assured, that though Providence has placed us at a great distance, my heart loses nothing of its old love, & esteem for you — You are right to think well of the [illegible] He merits your regard, & confidence — Carry him with you as much as possible where ever you go — even though it should be to Italy if he can ~~afford~~ afford it, & I wish to try to secure him 300 next year — Yours Thurlow

a little ever since her time at Hertfordshire now & then, whom we were
determined never to entertain again, as he got drunk very often; but
having discovered in the course of conversation that he was not only
Swiss, but a Schaffhausen, we excused him — his drinking too much wine
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Conseiller Antique de son Altesse Electorale

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Charleston May 26th 1788 —

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My dear Sir,

As I was in Virginia when Mr Wragg arrived, you will not think it strange, that I should have delayed acknowledging the receipt of your's by him, & thanking you for the very elegant seal you have sent me, which I think executed in a manner worthy the intaglios of former days.— I begin to think however, that I have ~~co~~ committed a mistake, & that this seal is what my Father should have worne, whereas mine, as the representative of my mother, who was an heiress, should have ~~represented~~ had her shield upon my Father's thus — non nostrum est, you will say, tantas componere lites, but I should really be obliged to you for information upon this subject, for as our steps towards monarchy are very obvious, I would wish my Children to have all the ~~claim~~ Rights to rank, & distinction, which is to be claimed from Ancestry.— Mr Wragg is

in the country, & I have not had an ~~opportunity~~ the pleasure of seeing him, but I have wished him joy by letter of his safe return to Carolina, & assured him, that I should be happy to embrace every opportu=nity of cultivating his acquaintance: as soon as we meet, I shall take the liberty of advising him, if it should be necessary, to recon=cile his mind to the government of the country he means to live in, & I will introduce him to the acquaintance of those who may contribute to make his hours of relaxation from the Law pass most agreeably. - Yours of March 10th containing a packet from Muller reached me this morning just as I was setting down to write to you - it encloses a letter from my ward Huger whose ~~Language~~ gives me an idea of what mine must have been to you formerly, & brings home to my mind a very ~~lit~~ lively sense of all your goodness. - Austey has been some=time in Pennsylvania - whilst here, I frequently mentioned

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of every sort, that you can labour under no difficulties but
such as arise from the above=mentiond source — You must
have heard of our approaching change of government, which
will not I believe surprise you — It is now obvious to every
one, that we have not virtue enough for that free form of govern=
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& so much money expended, — & Congress have observed, that the
words "recommendation" & "requisition", which were their only engines
of power, have no meaning whatsoever in our political dicti=
=onary: South Carolina makes the eighth state which has acceded,
& the accession of nine states will put the new constitution in
motion.

We are to have an elective President - who is eligible at the end of every four years for life - he will have a qualified negative on the laws of the new Congress, & will enjoy somewhat more power than the Statholder of the united Provinces, though the Statholder's influence in consequence of many different circumstances is much greater; - A Senate, chosen by the different Legislatures of the States, who share the Executive power with the President, & the Legislative with the house of representatives, - (this body unites the powers of your privy council & House of Lords, but has no judicial capacity except in cases of impeachment) - & A House of Representatives chosen by the People of the different states, which has no right of interference with the Executive, but enjoys the peculiar privileges of your house of Commons. - the ~~man~~ regulation ~~management~~ of Commercial affairs, - the right of imposts, of excise, of ordering and commanding the Militia with many &c: - are given up by the individual States to the Federal Government, & we are getting back fast to the system we destroyed some years ago. -

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12th June 1790 254/255

My dear friend,

Your letter dated Strasbourg 1789 has just reach'd me, & I do assure you, that there are very few things in life would have given me more pleasure. Your attention & kindness to B: H: have added to the grateful sentiments I ever entertain'd of you, & if he is under any obligation of consequence to me, it is, for the having sent him in pursuit ~~from~~ of you from Switzerland to Mayence, & for having introduced ~~him~~ him to you as one in whose welfare, I was much interested. He has since that time had the merit of travelling over a great deal of ground with very little money, & his letters are interesting, & not ill written; but the character he writes in is horrible, & frightful to look at, & so undecypherable, that many of his acquaintances would be just as much edified with the perusal of an Arabian Manuscript, as with one of Ben's letters: when you write to him, I beg of you to mention this matter, ~~&~~ & to tell him, that it robs his correspondence of one half it's value. — Your situation pleases

me very much, & proves, that even in this age merit can some times make it's way through the World — it was what you little thought of I believe, when we used to breakfast together upon the Boulevard St Antoine, & when your impatience was so great, that there was no losing sight of you for a Minute, let the occasion be what it ~~wish~~ would. Instead of requesting in general terms information of our political state, you should propose questions, if you have any to make, wch would be ~~useful~~ agreeable & profitable for me to answer them. Our General Government you are informed of — & our State Government have been very little altered. Do you remember any instance in History of a Government ~~of~~ by Representation as ours in America are? The tribunes at Rome ~~are~~ were indeed the represen:tatives of the People, but their number was too small for them to answer but factious purposes, nor could they contend in a legal way with any success against the power & permanency of the Senate. The Revolution in France engages the attention of People very much on this side of the Atlantick, & a very great majority of those I converse with think well of it: for

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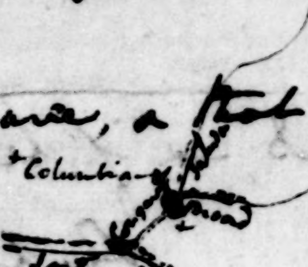
they affect, than the Romans were for Liberty at the death of Cæ-
sar — the National Assembly are committing the same error that Brutus
& his friend did — but enough of Politicks. Your Emperor has made
a wretched business both of life, & death, but I never had any great
expectations of him — You will have another by the time you receive
this, & will be able to tell me what prospect he affords, — & if he
(Leopold) has made his peace with his Flemish subjects — for I suppose it will be)
My situation in private life is a very happy, & would be completely so,
were it not for some debts I found upon my Estate, & some I was obliged
to contract during the War — I have an amiable Wife & three fine Children,

& have just as much & no more to do with Politicks than I wish.
I have a seat in the Legislature, which I have just returned from attending in the interior part of the Country — Our Seat of Government has been moved to a spot called by Law Columbia, & a large town has been laid out amongst the trees of the forest: — as yet however there are but four or five houses, & it would surprise a European to hear, that a Man might meet a bear, or a Wolf in such a street, or in such a lane — for they all have names. If you have a tolerable map of America, or rather of S. Carolina, you will find the place by following the River Santee, till it takes the name of Congaree, & that branch, till it divides into Broad River & Saluda River —

Thus 

Our Country recovers fast from the effects of the War — our Exports are about 600,000£ Sterling (money of G. Britain) our imports much smaller — Our taxes 82,000£ sterl.s (as above) & our number of fighting men about 25,000 — We have increased to this from 13000 at the conclusion of the War — not, as you may well suppose, from our internal resources, but in conse=

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-quence of the prodigious emigrations from the Northern States, & from Europe: Without this explanation you would have suspected me of being like those historians, who give an account of the increase from Noah's sons, immediately after the flood, & who, as Voltaire says, font des enfans à coup de plume. If I reproach myself for any one thing that regards our correspondence, it is for not having answerd the letter you sent me from M. de Salis so long ago — You must know, that I did write an answer, & took some pains with it — but that knowing the inclination for publishing letters any way interesting in some parts of Europe, I had not the resolution to send it — Do, dear Rutlen, write this good man a letter, & say, that I have expressed a fear that I have ~~[illegible]~~ to you of my letters having miscarried, & have therefore repeated the substance to you, which I now do — The most valuable land in S. Carolina is on the banks of the rivers, & chiefly where the tide water can be commanded to wash the fields at pleasure — this is very dear — some of it as high as 20 louis d'or an acre:

the other land in the interior country, which alone are calculated for the cultivation of grapes, are not so dear by much — but if near the rivers, ~~water~~ &, by that means, convenient for the sale of produce, the air is generally sickly; if at a distance from navigation, the expence of transportation would nearly swallow up the profits: Another principal circumstance is — the Manual labour — No White people are to be hired in this country, & if M de Salis brought a number with him, they would be soon tempted to desert him by the facility of becoming land=holders themselves in the Western country, or they would procure land by some means or other (by running in debt probably) in his neighbourhood, & would labour hard to get a negro or two, & would then be as lazy & as gentlemanlike as any body else: this was the way that at Pury's people served him. With respect to Virtue & Morality, We are no better than the people of the ligue des 10 droitures. People of Education are the same every where, & the great occasions which have existed in this country, have called forth those talents

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which they would have called forth anywhere, & particularly amongst a people who had fled to this part of the world to avoid persecution, & who had the page of English history, & the example of the Revolution before them.

If any thing distinguishes the Yeomanry of America, it is, that they are better acquainted with the politicks of their own country, than the same class in other countries generally are — I must add too, that being generally independent landholders, they are incapable of any blind attachments to particular characters — as long as a Man is useful he is admired, but let him cease to be, & he is either hated, or sinks into obscurity — Arnold, who could have led a thousand men up to a battery, where inevitable death awaited by far the greater part of them, & who really has done so in the campaign of Burgoine's surrender, had not influence enough to raise twenty men in favour of the British after his desertion. — another circumstance characterises this people — they are so little oppressed by government, & have the means of living so much within their reach; that robberies are very scarce, & assassinations (since the peace, observe) hardly ever heard of: you will wonder, I think, at this last trait, if you

recollect, that the Continental army, which had never been regularly clothed, or even fed, was disbanded without pay. — to return to Mr de Salis, tell him, this Country would suit tradesmen very well, or young, poor, & hardy adventurers; but, that could I devest ~~myself~~ my mind of local prejudices, & choose for myself, after a cool exertion of unbyassed reason, I am sure, I should sell my estate, & move with my Wife & children to Europe; & if my long knowledge of Geneva did not induce me to stop there, I would proceed across the Alps, would fix upon some fertile valley of the Valteline, purchase me a farm, & attach myself to the family of Salis. Thus provided, you will surely be able to write this good man a decent letter, & make my peace with him. I have materials enough in my mind to write you a much longer letter yet, but I begin to think it time to desist. You must be convinced that I am neither lazy, nor unaffectionate — Write to me, send me important information of European politicks, & the Devil take me, if I don't write to you as much as you desire. — the book I am writing on is a large Atlas, on which I have been tracing our journey in the North of Switzerland, which we performed in company with the Celebrated Wit, & the Great Magician.

Il me semble, mon cher Muller, que nous avons été beau[coup plus]
heureux que nos deux compagnons de Voyage, dont l'un a été pend[u]
à cause de la galle, & l'autre le meritoit bien par son ingratitude—
Cette bête de Maquinac, trouvant que je n'étois plus aussi riche qu'un Angl[ois]
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I mingle in the tempest of Modern Politicks, & the same companions of my journey into Italy stick by me still — my Juvenal, Horace & Virgil, nor do they go neglected. Of all late Productions nothing has given me so much amusement, & afforded me so much historical & geographical know[ledge as] Gibbon — I have read him over th[ree] times, & shall read him [a] fourth soon — His style is not always chaste, but it is splendid, & [h]armonious, his information is boundless, & if he had not taken a degree [o]f malignant pleasure in shaking that old Machine, which totters of itself, [i]t would have been perfect. — My Brother of whom you enquire, has been married three years, but his Wife having frequently miscarried, they have consented [?] to separate for a year or two — She is gone to England with my Mother, & [S]ister, who have returned there, & he will be with me this Evening, & will [r]ejoice that you remember him, & ask after him so affectionately. — Our ricefields being sickly during the summer, People of easy circumstances always quit them at that time, & retire to Charleston — I am so fortunate however as to possess a small house by the sea side in sight of the town,

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manuscript letters of Gen: Greene, who commanded the Southern army at the Conclusion of the War. — His Father was a Quaker, a ~~Preacher~~ a Preacher, & had worked as a Blacksmith in his youth — the General himself was a man of no ornamental education, & was a peaceful Citizen & a Quaker [illegible] the age of about thirty — [illegible], wrote well, & acted well, nor was any American general so formidable to the British in an active campaign. — I could send You copies of some of these, & of other interesting papers, if you have time for that sort of reading, or if their possession would give you any degree of relief auprès du successeur de Boniface. —

Above all things write to me frequently & copiously — make my peace with Mr de Salis. Have you any correspondence with any of our old acquaintance? — Could You return me all the letters you have of me[?] I wish to amuse myself with drawing out a tour in Italy, & they would be useful to me. — How are Mr & Mrs Bonnet? —

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Monsieur Muller

Conseiller intime des conférences de l'Electeur de Mayence

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My Dear Sir, or if you'll permit me to call you so, my Dear friend. I receivd your ~~[illegible]~~ letter about four days ago, and as you were kind enough to allow me the favor of your Correspondance, take the liberty of answering it immediately, as I have likewise an opportunity of sending it you by a friend as far as Hamburg. You'll perhaps wonder when I assure You, that neither my guardian, Sr David, nor myself ~~have~~ have yet heard from my Brother, for whether he has never had any opportunity of writing, or whether all his letters have miscarried, I can't pretend to say, but certain it is that not one of us has receivd a single line from him, however we have had the Satisfaction of hearing of him at last. tho I must confess the news at first made me rather ~~[illegible]~~ unhappy, and you who are well acquainted with his Sentiments. will no doubt

be a little astonish'd to hear, that he is at this moment Aid de Camp to General Moutrie, and has been in all the actions, that have happen'd in Georgia since his Arrival, and signalis'd himself so much in one particular affair, that General Moutrie, in a letter of his to General Lincoln (a copy of which I saw myself in the New York Royal Gazette) calls him a very Gallant Youth and an honor to his Country. but when I came to ask the Carolina Gentlemen about it, and some that were but very lately come over, they told me I was much in the wrong, for blaming his Conduct, & assur'd me, it would have been impossible for him, to have avoided it, & that if I myself were to go over, in six weeks time I should become as great Rebel as any of them, not from principle, but from mere Self Interest & Self Defence as they dont think it sufficient for You, to be

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oblig'd to cram their infernal Oaths down your throat, but You must even take a very active part in their Cause, for if ever they should suspect You of the least Attachment to governmt. they'll use You just as ill as if You were a profess'd Loyalist, and in every engagement take good Care to put You in the most Dangerous Situations, so that all those who fell in Georgia, were remark'd to be the very best friends Government had amongst them. Another thing which gave me infinite satisfaction to hear, was, that my Brother, upon his arrival there, did all he could to be sent out as a Minister to some Court abroad for them, which he was absolutely refused. & he then endeavoured to get himself in the Civil Capacity, but when he found that wouldnt do either, & that the people who had never had any extraordinary opinion of

his attachment to them began to suspect him; he thought his only way to save himself ~~by~~ from being abused, by every Cobbler and Carpenter's Son, would be to exert himself in their Cause, & therefore accepted of this Moultrie's Aid de Campship. Upon the whole I think he has been very lucky, and if the ~~w~~ English will but send five or six thousand men to Georgia by next Winter, matters must be settled, in all probability without Bloodshed, and he will still escape as well as he has hitherto done.

Darf ich Ihnen wohl ein wenig Deutsch schreiben, und können Sie die Gütigkeit haben, die Fehler und meine Vergessungen zu verzeihen? Ich hoffe es wenigstens, und glaube auch ein wenig, und wenn ich's nicht glaubte würde ich's nicht thun dürfen. Es giebt gewiß nur sehr wenige junge Leute meines Alters, die so [illegible] gewesen sind, und die Hoffnung wissen, wie ich, und können, die das Unglück ihrer Familie [illegible] oder die mehr zu kennen wünschen.— Sie haben mir so
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Monsieur Monsieur Müller

chez Mr. l'ancien Procureur General

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Freundschaft beehren würden, und mir einen größern titel
wünsche als Ihr Dear Cleland. Gelverton April 29

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I fancy, my Dear Sir, the Brother of Kinloch need make but few apologies for troubling such a friend of his as Mr Müller with a letter, especially as it is intended, to remove part of the anxiety, such a friend must feel on his account, by informing him of his safe arrival in America

He ~~do~~ no doubt acquainted you of his intention toreturn to Carolina, where his presence was absolutely necessary. He left Scotland (where he had been some time with his relations) and sailed about the end of May from Glasgow, for New York, where he arrived after a fourteen weeks passage, and an obstinate

engagement with a Privateer. He wrote imme
diately, and acquainted us with his having
easily procur'd a pass to the American
Army, & we this very day heard (tho not from
himself) of his having got safe to Carolina.
There is at present a report that 2000 men
are sent on an Expedition to the Southward,
& it is imagined to Charles Town.
To any other than Mr Muller I should
make a thousand apologies for the trouble of
this letter; but as I cannot look upon him so
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Sr David Kinloch Bt

Gilmerton by Hadington

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Monsieur Monsieur Müller
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meiner Freund[in] ~~und~~ diese Bogen hält wohl nichts mehr, ich höre also auf und was hier ~~[illegible]~~ so lange nur die Kraft mich zu erinnern zu bleibt, wird Müller ein[e] [illegible] [illegible] Ihr Cleland Gilmerton Nov: 9. 1779 — 264 265

I cannot think what the Devil is the matter with me, but whenever I set down to write to you (which is at least 20 times, before I can collect resolution enough to go thro' with it) I allways think myself most particularly stupid, and the very fear (for Oh its a cutting feel. to think a person you have a peculiar regard & esteem for, looks upon You as a mere fool) of writing anything ridiculous to you, makes me write ten times more than I even do in general, & this is at least the sixth Sheet of paper, I have spoil with different beginings, but am determind to go thro' with this. I believe it will be ~~so~~ needless to tell You, what real Satisfaction & Happiness your letter gave me, and as in general no small part of the Happiness, consists in making others acquainted with it, I was so flatter'd with the kindness you express'd for me that I took the liberty ~~of~~ sending your letter, to my guardian, for his ~~[illegible]~~ perusal. when he return'd it, he desir'd his best Compliments to You, and that he had written You a letter last Summer to Geneva, giving You an account, of all he then knew about ~~my~~ our Brother, & by the by, said he "so far from thinking You too importunate, about "getting Müller's letter back again, that I am vastly happy to see "you so particularly so. It will bear reading over very often, not only "from the good Sense, but likewise from the very good advice "it contains to you." —— Oh how I envy the jennes Gens, who were so happy, as to have the good fortune of attending your Lectures, however as I cannot share that with them, I embrace your kind offer with a thousand thanks, and shall be very much oblig'd to You for your Ouvrage sur L'Etablissement &c. and as I dont understand German quite well enough, if You would not think me too greedy, I beg both the Allemand and the Traduction. I understand

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always of ~~commonly~~ Retirement. however as nothing ever gave me so much horror, as the idea of an idle life, I was determined to devote the younger part of it, to some occupation or another, and being totally unprejudiced which to take, you may well imagine, the first little thing that struck me in favor of any particular one, would most likely make the strongest impression; and a very little thing it was, that made me prefer the Mercantile Line — one of Foote's Plays. (you will smile at the childishness of the idea, but twas some years ago) I had been sometime come from America, & except my guardian's family, my Brother was the only the friendly face I knew, and indeed the only one related to me, that I knew at all. A long Separation from my Mother & sister, tho' it did not lessen my Love for them, yet it left me, some how as it were, more of my Affection upon my hands, which most naturally all centred in my only Brother. The play of Foote's I mean was The Nabob. in which a younger Brother is represented (by the by You must I never ~~could~~ saw a play, or read any story, but I always appropriated some character to myself, and so strongly did I imagine it was myself, that for several years I absolutely could not go to see a tragedy, and indeed I dont like it even yet) in this Nabob then a younger Brother (a very rich Merchant) is represented as saving his Elder Brother, from a most disagreeable situation indeed, either going to goal, or giving his only Daughter to the Nabob, who had bought up his debts on purpose. ~~Doing~~ Being able to assist any one, would have made me happy, but the idea of assisting my Brother, was too eblaispant and struck me so forcibly, that I determined from that moment to be a Merchant (very rich you may imagine) and, from the bottom of my heart, wished my Brother might ruin himself, that I might have the happiness of saving him from goal. and afterwards, when I had told me my guardian, I would be a Merchant, tho' I saw the ridiculous childishness of my ideas, I was too proud to retract, tho' I ~~always~~ never intended troubling my head, about business, more

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Don't be afraid of your letters incommoding me for the Postage,
and they will be ever the more agreable, the oftener they come,
and not the less so if Double; for there is not a single thing
in my possession (were I reduced to such extremities, which is by
no means the case) but I would gladly sell to purchase a letter
from Miller. —

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hatte meine 60 L aber nicht genug dazu waren; und bat Ihn um 20 L mehr. Denn ich bin gewiß, der gute Kaufmann würde ihm wohl erlauben. Ich erwarte seine Antwort alle Tage, und, wenn werde mir nicht [illegible] will, kenne ich anderweite Wegen. Doch wenn ich mir [illegible] [illegible] bey Ihnen zu Geneva zu kommen können! Die Idee aber ist gar zu [illegible]. Ob mir das Schicksal [illegible] genug ist, daß Sie immer auf meine Freundschaft zählen können? fragen Sie. Ich ja. Es ist sehr [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] ich bin aber gewiß, daß wenn ich alle andere Sachen und [illegible] hätte, würde mir das doch, nie wohl zugerechnet.

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A Monsieur Monsieur Müller
Chez Monsieur l'ancien Procureur general
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à Geneve

Paid [illegible]

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I cannot express to You, my Dear Sir, the happiness I felt at receiving your last kind letter, especially too as it was a favour which I scarce deserved, for altho' you had not answer'd my last, my duty to a something more than eldest brother might have prompted me to lay aside all ceremony, & indeed I cannot imagine how it came to pass that I did not write to you, as I had conluded (by not hearing from You) that either my letter or your answer must have miscarried, & had most seriously intended writing again not content with the consciousness of being no ways blameable, but wishing to render it impossible for you to think me so. but alas is it the case with some of my best intentions that they fail of being put into execution. With pleasure do I ~~accept~~ accept your kind offer of answering each others letters immediately upon reception. & nothing but the daily expectations of letters & the hopes of being able to ~~give~~ give you some intelligence of our dear Brother, could have hinderd me from giving a proof of it, but I'm afraid all the intelligence I can ~~give~~ send you will be but very unsatisfactory, the first thing I heard of him was that a few days before Charles Town was completely invested, he had been sent with some dispatches to the northwards, & after waiting for letters from my Mother & Sister at least, I at length receiv'd one from himself, but dated Philadelphia April 20-1780. ~~which~~ it very short & only mentions that ever since the affair at Savannah (where I believe he got a slight wound in the arm) he had given up the camp life, for the more sedantary one of a man of business: that he was very happy, and "at the fountain head "of affairs" & in a little piece of latin which was half scratched out (by the gentleman who brought it over I suppose) I could make out Sec tibi sit — Rec. He is then in the Congress. I'm afraid, if he does not soon come in god knows (which I hope however he will do, upon hearing of C. Town's being taken) god knows what ... may be, for Clinton has issued a proclamation, that all

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their estates immediately confiscated. there was likewise a letter to my guardian but
what I much regretted none to his dear Müller; I make no doubt however of his
having often written to you, tho' you may never have received any of his
letters for in this letter to me (which is the first I have received from him since
he left Scotland) he assures me that he had written me several, but had
never received any from me. Upon the whole, my dear friend's affairs wear but a

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but a confused and very melancholy prospect, I am impatient to get out my=
=self & be relieved from the most horrible of all situations, Uncertainty.
but as if I had not enough to hurt me already an unlucky strain'd ancle
has confin'd me to the room these 10 weeks, & still continues so bad as to
render me incapable of undertaking the shortest journey; as soon as
it gets better I shall most certainly set out for Carolina, & hope by your
next to receive a small packet for our Brother— I am at present at
the seat of a relations near the seacoast, bathing for my ancle, & as your
letter is most carefully lockt up at Gilmerton I shall not be able
to answer it so exactly— Be kind enough to direct to me again at
Gilmerton near Haddington not Glasgow, which mistake has made
me sometime later in receiving your letter, & indeed it was by great
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reading it over again soon ~~[illegible]~~ particularly for them ~~[illegible]~~ I have not been quite so idle this winter as I used to be, tho' you will perhaps think I might have employed my time to much better purposes, but when I laid down my plan for studying, I considered that after being so long accustomed to idleness, my first object should be rather to apply to something more for amusement than instruction, & by which I should acquire a taste for study more than any real advantage. I accordingly went thro' the six first books of Euclid with plain Trygonometry, & attended the Rhetorick, Moral & Natural Philosophy classes in Edingburgh college, the second indeed but not very closely. & if I have not brought away any great stock of knowledge, I have at least succeeded so far as to have acquired a great desire to study, & am particularly delighted with Mathematicks & natural Philosophy. What I now want is your advice about my future plan. what I should ~~[illegible]~~ first undertake & what books I should begin with, & that certain method of arrangement so absolutely necessary. I'll tell you what I wish to learn, that you may advise me with more certainty. I have [divested?] myself of all ambition to be a great man or to make a figure in the [world] & seriously intending to live rather retired, my ~~intention~~ desire is to [possess] those resources within myself which other men are obliged to Society. I would wish to lay the foundation with History & Biography to them I would add a few languages & geography, not in the confined sense of the word, that London is the capital of England divided into so many shires, & Paris the capital of France divided into so many governments, but in the more enlarged one the Wealth, Commerce strength & Interest of each State. & this good Dorick structure would I polish up with a few touches of the Athenian: Philosophy & the Belles Lettres. You no'be able to refrain from smiling

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he has afterwards however about happy calos, "But come (says he, to his Son you
know) make as frequent repetitions of it as you chuse, for I wish to know
"every thing about you & take a pleasure in your most trifling concerns"
if then paternal care can ~~[illegible]~~ find use with this same Egotism, & sincere
affection in one can create paternal care in another, I should not fear
transgressing even a little further, were not restrained by the limits
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Monsieur Monsieur Müller Professeur
Chez Monsieur Monsieur de Bonstetten de Valeyres ~~[illegible]~~
~~[illegible]~~ à Berne
Paid 1862

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a confession that I cannot resist the temptation of convincing you que je n'ai point nonpas lutté cette fois aumoins. Be kind enough to deliver the books (enclosing the small packet I hope) to Mr Borne at the custom House; I shall not [struck] attempt to make you any compliment for them as I'm afraid you might be displeased with a very elaborate one, & as I'm conscious that (without great labour (if indeed at all) I should never be able to express half what I shall feel for them. — If ever I should meet with the Mr — that you recommend to my brother, you may depend upon my treating him with that Hospitality & Friendship which a friend of Millers might expect.

Biel July 15 — 1780

your most sincerely
Cleland Kinloch

Monsieur Monsieur Müller Professeur
Chez Monsieur Monsieur de Bonstetten de Valeirens
Paid 1s 6d

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Sullivan's island October 25th 1810

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My dear Sir,

I write to you in behalf of my Brother, who being extremely incommoded by a complaint in his eyes desires me to acknowledge for him the receipt of your's of July 19 — the one alluded to never reached him, & he therefore never before knew of the offer you so kindly made him — he accepts of it with many thanks, but not without tears, for we feel both of us in the bottom of our hearts, the severity of that stroke, which it has pleased Heaven to inflict upon our best friend —

You will be surprised at the date of this letter — but the town has of late years become sickly in a way unknown formerly, at least to a degree never experienced, & all those whom business does not oblige to stay there during the summer, who have no place in the upper country & who are averse to the expence & trouble of going by sea to any of the Northern States, find a retreat here ——

My Brother & I are within fifty yards of each other — his house is on the ruins of a redoute of tabby work raised by the British garrison during the War — mine is nearer to the sea, & I am at times so enveloped by the spray, & see so little of any thing but the ocean, that a lively imagination might suppose itself upon the back of some slumbering sea Monster, rather than upon an island — in fair weather, & at half tide, the strand is almost covered with people & with carriages, while a constant intercourse with the town is kept up by twelve or fourteen packets — Whatever direction you may please to give me relative to your money in my hands shall be immediately complied with — mean while it remains with me at legal interest subject to your order — You have no doubt received, as I sent duplicates, the statement as made up by Mr Ancrum. — Enclosed in this is a bill of Exchange which my

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tion of his to the wants of a poor cousin in Switzerland, from

whom he now & then hears, & whose situation, originally bad

has not been bettered by having a French garrison in the

little town she inhabits — You will also receive three portions

of Newspapers — one contains an original letter of Patrick Hen

ry, one of the most powerful speakers we had in America

who neither wrote nor spoke grammatically — the letter must

have been corrected, but it still has marks of his eccentrick

manner — another — contains a letter I wrote at the approach

of our late elections, without meaning to be known as the author

of it — the third is a portion of an Epitome of a History of

France I used to supply the neighbouring printer of George=

town with — I am now correcting & giving it a shape —

Be so good as to send these two books to my Old friend Müller that he may be persuaded, I am not sunk in the apathy of a warm climate — I saw the other day for the first time a part of his history of Switzerland, which he composed whilst we lived together at Genthod, on pieces of paper scarcely bigger than the leaves of the Sybil — the account given of him in the note was such as inspired me with heartfelt satisfaction —

Adieu — My dear Sir — My Brother bid me say — that his Wife, his Daughter, & the three Brothers are well — they are really beauti=ful children: My two & my Wife are well, & my eldest with a son at her breast is to pass the winter with me. —

May you long enjoy your health, my ever dear, my best of friends — Assure Mr Boone of my unalterable affection & esteem, & mention Old Miss Boone as one of her oldest friends —

Pray talk me of your Brother's family when you write again. —

I remain, my dear Sir, your ever grateful & affectionate F: Kinloch

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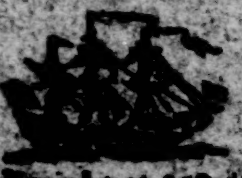

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Thomas Wallace, Master,
To sail in ten days. For Freight of 150 boxes Sugar, or an equal quantity of other heavy goods, apply on board at Roper's wharf.

September 30.

FOR LONDON,

MERCURY,
WILLIAM TATE, Commander,
Will sail for London early next month. For freight apply to the subscribers.

Who have received per said vessel, from London, a further supply of

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And on Consignment,

One thousand dozen Hubert's LONDON BOTTLED PORTER, which will be sold low if taken from on board.

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Alex. & John M'Clure.

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The Copper bottomed
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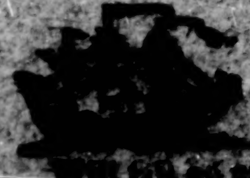

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Hugh Hutchinson, Master,
Will sail on or about the 20th of October. For freight or passage, apply on board, at Prioleau's wharf, or to

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White and coloured pocket do.
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White Thread, Edging and Lace
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Youths and mens felt Hats
Ladies do. do. [illegible]

No. 98, CHURCH-S[illegible]

The Subscriber has received [illegible] *ry, from* LONDO[illegible]

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Shoes
Ladies elegant Scarlet, D[illegible]
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Breeches Pieces
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Covers, Stew Pans, a[illegible]
Japan Plate Warmers, P[illegible]
Candlesticks, Dust [illegible]
Pots and Stands
Two sets TRAYS, [illegible]
Waiters, Tea Caddies [illegible]
&c. [illegible] Paper [illegible]
Oval and Oblong [illegible]
Spoon and Knife Tr[illegible]
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SOUTH-CAROLINA

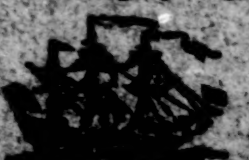
AND TIMOTHY'S

Vol. LVIII. W E D N E S D A Y,

PRICE SEVEN DOLLARS, *SPECIE*, PER ANNUM.—

THE PUBLIC GOOD O[illegible] ENE[illegible]

For L O N D O N,



The Ship

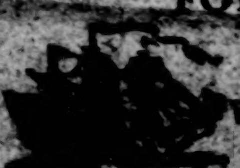
D A U P H I N,

Thomas Wallace, Master,

To sail in ten days. For Freight of 150 boxes Sugar, or an equal quantity of other heavy goods, apply on board at Roper's wharf.

September 30.

FOR LONDON,



The [illegible] Ship

MERCURY,

William Tate, Commander,

Will sail for London early next month. For freight apply to the subscribers.

Who have received per said vessel, from London, a farther supply of

SEASONABLE GOODS.

And on Consignment,

One thousand dozen Hibbert's LONDON BOTTLED PORTER, which will be sold low if taken from on board.

ALSO,

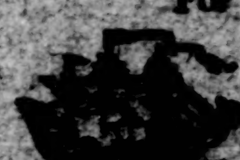
A few articles of elegant FURNITURE, comprising Japanned Bamboo and Ewe Tree Chairs, one Satin Wood Secretary and Book-Case, ladies Dressing and Work Tables, Mahogany Knife Cases, Card Tables, and Bason Stands.

[illegible] above articles are not sold by the [illegible] month, they will then be disposed of at public vendue, to close the consignment.

Alex. & John M'Clure.

September 22 mwf

For LONDON,



The Copper-bottomed

SHIP

A M I T Y,

Hugh Hutchinson, Master,

Will sail on or about the 20th of October. For freight or passage, apply on board, at Prioleau's wharf, or to

Tunno & Cox, or

B. Booth & Co.

[illegible] mwf

[illegible]

ANNELY & LEWIS,

WHOLESALE STORE, *No 103, Church street, have received by the Cleopatra and other late arrivals from London, a very extensive and handsome*

ASSORTMENT OF

Fall and Winter GOODS,

Consisting of the following articles, viz.

WHITE, blue and brown Plains
London and Bristol Duffils
7-4, 8-4, 9-4 and 10-4 Rose Blankets
Striped Linseys
White and [illegible] Flannels
Superfine blue and black Cloths
Do. assorted fashionable colours, in Coat Patterns
Black, white, mixed, drab, blue and ribbed Cassimeres
Striped and drab do.
Blue Strouds
Fashionable Swandowns
Toilinet and Marseilles Vest Shapes
Scarlet and drab Cardinals
Slops assorted in handy bales
Worsted milled Gloves
Kilmarnock Caps
Mens yarn and grey worsted Hose
Womens blue and red Cloaks
Mens and womens cotton and silk Hose
Black, blue and brown ribbed plain Calimancoes
Fine 1-2 ell black Bombazeen
Do. blue Camblets
Olive Jeanets and Fustians
Olive and buff Corduroys and Thicksetts
Drab fancy Cords
Striped Velveteen
Worked Muslin for Veils
Calicoes and Chintzes, assorted
Romall and pullicat Handkerchiefs
White and coloured pocket do.
Ounce and coloured Threads assorted
Tapes and Bobbins do.
Boot Tape, Girth Webb
Paper and pound Pins
China and Satin Ribbons
Patent black Lace and Veils
White Thread, Edging and Lace
Sewing silk and Twist, assorted colours
Youths and mens felt Hats
Ladies do. do. all in small handy cases
Ladies coloured [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] Nelson [illegible]

September 29.

[illegible] WARE, [illegible] double flint Tumblers,
Wine Glasses, Goblets, quart and pint De-

No. 98, CHURCH-STREET.

The Subscriber has received per the Mercury, from LONDON,

AN ASSORTMENT OF

FASHIONABLE ARTICLES,

Consisting of the following

FINE Irish Sheetings and [illegible] and Long Lawns, Cotton and [illegible]an Shirting
Cloths, Cassimeres, Elastic [illegible] Second Cloths, for servants
Bath Coatings, Striped Linse[illegible] White and Scarlet Flannels
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[illegible]

For Sale or Lease,

[illegible] at the corner [illegible]

STATE GAZETTE,

DAILY ADVERTISER.

OCTOBER 1, 1800. No. 6,388.

PAYABLE HALF YEARLY IN ADVANCE.

GREGORIE, Jun. & COSBY,

No. 117, *Broad-street*,

Have imported in the Eliza, capt. Lyon, from London, a general assortment of

FALL & WINTER GOODS,

BEST White, Blue, Brown and Green Welsh Plains, London and Bristol Duffil and Rose Blankets, Superfine Broad Cloth, Cassimere, Elastic and Yorkshire Cloths, Striped and Plain Bath Coating, Swandown and Green Baize, White, Red, and Blue Welch Flannels, Linseys, Strouds and Long Ells, Scotch Wilton Carpets and Carpeting and Hearth Rugs, Osnaburgs and Cotton [illegible], Camblets, Calimancoes, [illegible] Cloaks, lined with Green [illegible], Cords, Corduroy, Fustians and coloured Jeans, Corded Dimities, Muslinets, Printed Cottons and Callicoes, Irish Linens, Shirtings, Diaper, Huckabacks and Long Lawns, Coloured and White Marseilles for Waistcoating, Plain and Striped Florentine, Black and Green India Persian, Black and Coloured Barcelona Handkerchiefs, India Bandannas, Silk Cotton and Worsted Hose, Gentlemen and Ladies Beaver, Cotton, and Silk Gloves, Saddles and Bridles, Whole, Half and Hessian Boots, Ladies Coloured Kid and Morocco Shoes, Gentlemen's Fashionable Beaver Hats, Stationary, White Lead, Yellow Ocher, Spanish Brown and Boiled Linseed Oil in Jugs, Ironmongery of all kinds, &c &c

Also—A few hogsheads Brown Stout, and Bottled Porter.

September 8

NATHANIEL DOUGLAS,

No. 19, Broad-street,

Has imported in the AURORA, from GLASGOW a beautiful assortment of

Fashionable MUSLINS,

CONSISTING OF

ELEGANT Loom, Flowered, Sattin, Sprigged, Tamboured, Japanned, Figured, Laced and Netted; some fine 9-8 plain Jaconet Muslins, for gentlemens' Neckcloths—all of which will be sold by the piece at a very moderate advance for cash.

September 1

CHAMPNEYS'S WHARF.

AS the subscriber cannot pay that attention to his town property that is requisite, he will therefore sell as valuable a [illegible] for sale in this state,

[illegible] WHARF,

[illegible]

[illegible], or 20 feet wide alley.

This wharf was purchased about the year 1750, for about 2000l. sterling, sold by Mr

---

Two Hundred Dollars Reward.

WHEREAS, after information taken, it seems evident that the Robbery that was committed on the 25th August last, at the boarding-house of Mr. Fauret, in Queen-street, and advertised in the newspaper, has been perpetrated by one or more negroes; one of these negroes having about a fortnight ago, called at a shop in Queen-street to buy some goods, and on his offering a piece of gold for payment, the shop keeper called a neighbour, the said negro immediately went away and left the piece of gold; and again, on Saturday night, the 20th inst. Mr. Quin having met between 11 and 12 o'clock, a gang of Negroes, who appeared to be quarrelling, they all took flight at his approach; one of them, however, having dropped a handkerchief, [illegible] of which were tied a number of gold pieces, in the [illegible] of which five or six pieces have been found, which by distinctive marks answer exactly the description left with me by Mr Ducoudray, the person who was robbed; Therefore, as the Attorney of the said Mr. Ducoudray, I hereby offer a reward of Two Hundred Dollars, to any person or persons who will give such information as may lead to a discovery of the thief or thieves, so that the money may be recovered. I will also give One Hundred Dollars to any person or persons who will give information sufficiently strong to lead to a discovery of the thief or thieves, although the money may not be recovered, and secrecy may be depended on.

F. L. St. Mary.

September 27. 3

Wanted to Hire, by the year,

Two active Negro LADS,

About the age of 14 or 16 years, for which generous wages will be regularly paid.

September 27.

WANTED,

FOR THE ORPHAN-HOUSE,

TWO NURSES,

Who can be well recommended for their sobriety and industry.

Application to be made to the Commissioners.

August 11.

For Sale, by the Subscriber,

FORTY-FIVE hhds. Prime green Coffee, [illegible] Sugar, in hhds. and barrels [illegible] tons Logwood, [illegible]

ALSO,

[illegible]

P. Sonis, Fauret & Co.

September 24.

FOR SALE,

For freight or passage, apply on board, at Frink's wharf, or to

Tunno & Cox, or
B. Booth & Co.

September 24. mwf

Ambrose Nelson.

September 29.

For Norfolk and Alexandria,

THE SLOOP
PRESIDENT,
H. Skidmore, Master;
Will sail on Thursday next.

For freight or passage, having excellent accommodations, apply to the master on board at Vanderhorst's wharf, or to

John Mauger,
No. 24, East-Bay

September 29 3

Wanted to Purchase,

A GOOD
SCHOONER,

In complete order, to carry from 170 to 180 Barrels Rice, of an easy draught of water: For which the cash will be paid down. For terms, apply to

Bold & Rhodes,
No. 132, Tradd-Street.

September 24.

RANAWAY from St. Helena, near Beaufort, on the 13th August, three Negro Fellows, SAM about 45 years of age, something of a sailor, dark complection about 5 feet 9 inches high.—CHARLES, a blacksmith about 6 feet high, very black, very large eyes, one of his fore teeth out, about 27 years old. POMPEY 22 years old, a handsome well set negro, dark complection, about 5 feet 8 inches high; the above negroes were lately brought from North Carolina and went away in a pilot boat, supposed for Georgetown or that course, a reward of thirty dollars will be paid for each of the negroes and a suitable reward for the pilot boat, to any person who will deliver them to John Rhodes in Beaufort, or John Bolds in Charleston.

September 25.

THOMAS STEWART

HAS FOR SALE,

Jamaica RUM in puncheons, and
A few logs of excellent MAHOGANY.

September 29. 6.

NOTICE.

ALL persons having demands against the estate of Lewis Rogers, are requested to take notice, that a final and conclusive settlement of the affairs of said estate will take place on the 1st October next. Those who have not furnished statements of their accounts are requested to do so, on or before that day; otherwise they will be debarred from any future claim, as dividends of the whole effects will then be made amongst the creditors.

Alex. & John M'Clure.

September [illegible] mwf.

White Thread, Edging [illegible]
Sewing Silk and Twist, assorted colours
Youths and mens felt Hats
Ladies do. do. all in small handy cases
Ladies coloured patent silk Hats, with gold [illegible] and feathers
[illegible]

Assortment of GLASS WARE, consisting of India Shades, double flint Tumblers, Wine Glasses, Goblets, quart and pint Decanters, Cruits, Salts, Sugar Basons, &c.
Gilt and hair Trunks in nests
Portmanteau in do. do.
Chaise seat do. do.
Chamber Bellows's, with brass pipes
Clamps and Scrubbing Brushes
Shoe and white-wash do.
Violin Strings, of all sizes
Bailey's Blacking Cakes
Seine and Sail Twine
Shoe Thread in quarter pound balls
Fine and coarse Saddles
Hunting and twig Whips
Spanish Brown and White Lead
Durham Mustard in small boxes

Gentlemens elegant double barreled FOWLING PIECES, with Powder Flasks, Shot Belts, and every instrument complete, in mahogany cases Common do. & Boys do

Best battle Powder, in one pound cannisters
F Gunpowder in handy kegs
Common and patent Shot assorted, No. 1 to 6
Bristol blue and buck do.
Bar Lead in small casks
Table Knives and Forks
Pocket, pen and cutteau Knives
Womens and shop Scissars
Sheep Shears Razors
A handsome assortment of Buttons, the very latest fashions
Combs, of all descriptions
4d. 6d. 8d. 10d. and 20d. clasp and rose Nails, in small casks
12, 4 and 16 ounce Tacks
Glauber and Epsom Salts, in jars and casks, &c. &c.

September 17. mwf 12

CONTRACT WANTED,

FOR the Branch Bank of the United States and to be delivered at the Old Market Square, corner of Broad and Meeting-streets.

Six hundred thousand of Bricks.
Twenty thousand bushels of Lime.
Seventeen thousand feet of Pitch Pine Timber and Scantling, as per bill.
Seven thousand feet best Yellow Pine Boards, for flooring, &c. 1¼ inch
Four thousand ditto, of Inch Boards.
Fifteen Planks of 1½ by 15 inches wide, and 26 feet long
Six thousand feet of two Inch Plank, of Cypress
Fifty thousand feet of Clear White Pine Boards.

The above materials to be of the best quality—and those who wish to contract for the delivery of the said materials, either in whole or in part, will render in their proposals, at the cash prices, sealed up, to the Cashier of said Bank, on or before the 30th inst. and in whose hands the bill of scantling may be seen.

Charleston, September 12. 27.

For Sale by the Package,

Platillas, Britannias
Dowlas, Crea[illegible]
Listadoes, Checks
Stripes, Shirtings and
Shirting Linen

—*Also on Hand*—
Swedish and German Bar Iron

Knipping & Steinmetz,
No. [illegible], Gaillard's wharf.

September 29. [illegible]

Black Leather Bottle Stands, Plated Rims, Hooks and Rings
Handsome Liquor Frames, with Cut Glass
Large Pier Glasses with Girandoles
[illegible] elegant Chimney Ornaments of the [illegible]
[illegible], and a few
[illegible]
[illegible] Stone Latchets,
[illegible]
Servants [illegible] Bands
[illegible]

September 25. mwf 12

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THE HOUSE situated at the corner of King and Wentworth-streets, now in the occupancy of Mr. Richard Wrainch. Enquire of the printer.

August 7.

Best Double Spruce BEER,

FOR SALE,

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COFFEE

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John Champneys:

Who wants a hundred Cords of Pine-Wood, the quality not material, to fill up the head of his wharf.

September 11.

MADEIRA WINE.

Landing This Day, from on board the brig Sophy, and schooner Little Tom,

London Particular Wine,

In pipes, hogsheads and quarter casks,
FOR SALE, by

John Barron;

WHO HAS ON HAND,
MADEIRA, PORT and SHERRY, in bottles, and CLARET and OLD HOCK.

July 11

FOR SALE,

By the Subscriber, at his store, next door to Wm. Holmes & Co.

PRIME Green Coffee in Bags, by the quantity or single bag
A few pipes fine flavored 4th proof Brandy
Turpentine Soap, by the box
Hyson and Souchong Teas
[illegible]
Mens and womens plain and ribbed cotton and thread Hose
Fine Linen Handkerchiefs and Cotton Cambrics
Dark Ground Calicoes
Bed Ticks and Unbleached Sheetings
7-8 and 4-4 Irish Linens
Best warranted Kirby Fish Hooks
Ladies and Gentlemens Pocket Books, &c.

J. G. Taylor.

August 26.

PAN-TILES.

Just received and For Sale, now landing from the Hamburgh brig Dorothea, at Crafts's North wharf,

25,000 Best Glazed PAN-TILES;

To be sold low if taken immediately from the wharf. Apply to

C. C. Schutt.

August 4.

LANDING THIS DAY,

At Crafts's South Wharf, from the schooner America, capt. Pike, from Port Republican, and for sale by the Subscriber,

21 Hogsheads COFFEE
30 do. and 46 Barrels SUGAR
And about 20 Tons LOGWOOD

William Trenholm.

September 8.

o. do. all in small handy cases
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In pipes, hogsheads and quarter casks,

FOR SALE, by

John Barnon;

WHO HAS ON HAND,

MADEIRA, PORT and SHERRY, in bottles, and CLARET and OLD HOCK.

July 11

F O R S A L E,

By the Subscriber, at his store, next door to Wm. Holmes & Co.

PRIME Green Coffee in Bags, by the quantity or single bag

A few pipes fine flavored 4th proof Brandy

Turpentine Soap, by the box

Hyson and ... Teas

ALSO,

Mens and womens plain and ribbed cotton and thread Hose

Fine Linen Handkerchiefs and Cotton Cambrics

Dark Ground Calicoes

Bed Ticks and Unbleached Sheetings

7-8 and 4-4 Irish Linens

Best warranted Kirby Fish Hooks

Ladies and Gentlemens Pocket Books, &c.

J. G. Taylor.

August 26.

P A N - T I L E S.

Just received and For Sale, now landing from the Hamburgh brig Dorothea, at Crafts's North wharf,

25,000 Best Glazed PAN-TILES;

To be sold low if taken immediately from the wharf. Apply to

C. C. Schutt.

August 4.

LANDING THIS DAY,

At Crafts's South Wharf, from the schooner America, capt. Pike, from Port Republican, and for sale by the Subscriber,

21 Hogsheads COFFEE

30 do. and 46 Barrels SUGAR

And about 20 Tons LOGWOOD

William Trenholm.

September 8.

... industry.

Application to be made to the Commissioners.

August 11.

For Sale, by the Subscriber,

FORTY-FIVE hhds. Prime green Coffee, Muscocado Sugar, in hhds. and barrels Twenty-four tons Logwood, entitled to drawback

A L S O,

Old CLARET, in boxes of 12 dozen ... in do.

P. Suau, Faures & Co.

September 24.

FOR SALE,

51 boxes of Molan Steel,

Superior to German. Apply to

Daniel Hall.

September 25.

N O T I C E.

ALL those indebted to the subscriber, by Note, Due Bill, or Book Account, are requested to come and settle with him immediately, otherwise he will be under the disagreeable necessity of putting all accounts that comes within the sphere of a magistrate, in suit immediately.

James Hyndman.

September 27. 4

F O R S A L E,

A LONG BOAT, built of Live Oak, 21½ feet long, and 8 feet beam. Apply to the captain of the Ship Amity, on board, at Frink's wharf.

September 27.

At PRIVATE SALE,

A LOT of LAND on the south side of Beresford's Alley, near Meeting street, measuring 18 feet in front, and about 70 feet in depth—On the premises there is a two story Wooden Tenement, 15 by 30 feet, built about 3 years ago; also, a good Kitchen, and the other usual necessary out-buildings.

Enquire of JACOB YOER, Meeting street, opposite Mr. Thomas Doughty's, or of

John Webb & Co.

September 13. ws 6.

ALEXANDER ...

IMPRESSED with Gratitude to those who have heretofore supported him in his profession, reminds them and the public that he continues the PAINTING, GLAZING & PAPER HANGING BUSINESS, at No. 258, Meeting-street, second house from Water-street

He has lately received a neat assortment of PAPER HANGINGS, which he will put up at a moderate price, for cash.

Customers shall be particularly attended to.

August 27. wfm 16

To be sold, at Private Sale,

A TRACT of LAND, in St. John's parish, adjoining lands of Stephen Mazyck, and D. Ravenell, Esqrs. and general Moultrie, containing about 700 acres, extremely well wooded with oak and hickory, and calculated for the culture of cotton, situated within one mile of the Santee Canal, and only one lock to pass from this city.—For terms, which will be made easy, apply to

B. Cape & Co.

May 30. 6w

For Private Sale,

A valuable MULATTO FELLOW,

26 years of age who has been accustomed to work in the field and go in a boat. Enquire of the Printer.

September 18. [illegible]

The leaving of representation & Senate appoint the Electors who are to chose the President & Vice President of the U. S. — Jefferson is at the Head of the French faction

The following Letter was received by Post, on Friday last.

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Mr. Timothy,

IT is but seldom that we get your papers in the part of the state where I reside, and I have not many neighbours, who are as fortunate in that respect as I am: we got together the other day for the sake of reading one of the last, and I can assure you, that there prevailed but one sentiment of indignation at finding some of the first and most respectable names in our country, rendered subservient to the dirty purposes of electioneering.—I allude, as you may suppose, to the letter which appeared under the Baltimore head, as having been written by the President. It is in vain then that a man gives up his time, that he exerts his abilities, that he risks his person, that he ventures his estate, that he incurs every danger, that he makes every sacrifice, in short, for the public good—it is all to no purpose—His well earned reputation obstructs the views of some mischievous ambitious demagogue, his services are to be forgotten, his feelings trifled with, his character abused, and his name held up as an object for obloquy and suspicion.—When Joas in the Athalie of Racine is pressed to leave the friends of his youth, [illegible] the promises of an artful profligate woman, who promises to be a mother to him, what a father, says the infant Prince, do you urge me to tear myself away from, *et pour quelle Mere?* and what a parent do you pretend to substitute in his room!

Would to God the people of Carolina had the sense of the infant Joas! Would to God they could go back in imagination to the dreadful and trying scenes they have passed through, and would dwell with some degree of complacency upon the names and characters of those who were their friends in the hour of danger! A moment's reflection would do away every injurious impression, and the artful interested seducer of the public mind would appear in his proper colours. The evils of the late revolutionary war are yet present to the minds of many, and it is the artifice of the party, which decorates itself with the exclusive title of Republican, to accuse their opponents of being partial to the cause of the British in the present war, which, fortunately for us, is as yet confined in great measure to the eastern side of the Atlantic. The British once attempted to subjugate this country, the French assisted in the defence of it, those, therefore, who rejoice not at the victories of the French, are enemies to [illegible] Such is their logic, [illegible] I [illegible] to say what may the opinions of the very respectable persons, whose names are involved in the Baltimore publication—in private life I know [illegible]

by no man of sense, that the republican form of government is the best adapted to all circumstances and situations, in which a country may be placed; nor can he deny but that a revolution is a political experiment replete with danger in the older communities of Europe, where there are large cities, and numbers of poor, desperate, and vicious individuals, ready to promote any enterprise which may alleviate their wants, or gratify their passions: It will be allowed, therefore, that the decree of the French National Assembly of the 15th of December, 1792, was calculated to alarm all Europe: through whatever countries the armies of France shall pass, says the decree, it shall be the duty of their commanding officer to introduce the principles and practice of the French revolution, to demolish all privileged orders, and to overthrow every thing which might obstruct the establishment of the new system, and "if any people should prove so lost to all sense of their interests as to reject the restoration of their natural rights, so brutish, so enamoured of their chains as to renounce liberty and equality, so depraved as to preserve, recall, or treat with their Prince or privileged orders; they shall be considered as not entitled to the distinction, which France has established between governments and people, [illegible] the rigour of war, and rights of conquest." To this edict of December, add their other of November following, in which France holds out the hand of confraternity to the aggrieved and oppressed of all nations, and it will be very obvious that the intention of their government was to provoke hostility. The treaties of Pilnitz and Pavia are now reduced to their proper value; whatever conventions may have taken place on those occasions were skilfully exaggerated and a specious production, the offspring of some venal pen, was imposed upon the credulity of mankind. The government of France may alledge what it pleases of the origin of the war with England; we have Brissot's word for it in one of his last publication, that a state of peace with England was ruinous to their cause, and war with that country absolutely necessary to the consolidation of the infant republic. We have the words also of those who succeeded Brissot, in confirmation of the same fact, for the war with England, which is declared to have been unnecessarily gone into, forms one of the principal charges, which consigned that, perhaps, well meaning, but certainly dangerous politician, to the edge of the guillotine. To pursue minutely the progress of the French government in their conduct towards neutral [illegible] having repeatedly violated all that was held sacred by the common consent of mankind, attend to the following [illegible] sketch, which is drawn [illegible]

should be found in arms, would immediately be put to death, and every village burnt where the least show of resistance should be made. In '97, a revolt of the poorer citizens took place in Genoa, the government was at first successful in quelling it, but the French, faithful to their assumed characters of friends of the aggrieved, immediately interposed—the magistrates were arrested, a new form of government, the provisional members of which were named by Bonaparte, was established, and seven millions of livres drawn from the almost exhausted coffers of the Genoese, constituted the reward of those who had subverted their ancient constitution, and destroyed their independence. The destruction of the Papal government took place not long after—in vain did the venerable sovereign make every sacrifice of money, of pictures, and of territory, which was demanded of him; in vain did he appeal to the pity, and to the piety of the conqueror—a short delusive suspension of his fate was all that he could obtain—a riot was excited in Rome, and a pretext was soon found for the conquest of the last. Rome, the venerable mistress of the Pagan and of the Christian world, saw itself insulted with the mockery of freedom, whilst its palaces and churches were plundered, and those monuments of art, which had long commanded the admiration of mankind, and shed a ray of glory over the decline of the immortal city, were seized upon as fair plunder, and packed up to be transported to Paris—"for these new republicans, encumbered with territory, and gorged with martial glory, are as anxious as ever the subjects of a monarchy were, to collect from amongst the vanquished countries, and to accumulate all the elegancies, all the monuments of the arts, and sciencies, determined to make their luxurious capital the mart and school for a subject and admiring world." The war with Naples, the aggravated insults which were heaped upon the duke of Tuscany, the banishment of the king of Sardinia from his own territories, and the fine extorted from the duke of Modena, and the general ruin and devastation of all the more fertile parts of Italy, are not of sufficient consequence to arrest our attention in comparison with the fate of Venice. This ancient republic had existed since the 6th century, and their capital had long afforded a proof of what art and industry could effect, in opposition to all the difficulties which nature can oppose. On entering the territory of Venice, a solemn proclamation was, as usual, made to precede the nearer approach of the French army, that every [illegible] was [illegible] which could [illegible] the Senate was dissolved, [illegible] confidence.

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of domestic traitors, who served to confound the councils of the Grand Master, and to embarrass his defence—Malta had certainly not joined the coalition against France, but there was money, there was church plate, and there were naval stores in Malta, and the fleet having enabled Bonaparte to perpetrate the objects of the expedition, transported him to Egypt. It was remarked of Cæsar, when in Egypt, that he could fight the army of the King, discourse upon abstruse subjects with the priests of Serapis, and make love to Cleopatra in the same day; but it is observed of Bonaparte, that though brave as Cæsar and probably not less gallant, he condescended upon this occasion to avail himself of arts, which the conqueror of Pharsalia would have disdained. To the natives he said, that the troops he commanded were sent by the king of France for their protection; to the Turkish garrisons of the country, that he came, by a secret agreement with the Emperor, in order to drive away the Mamelukes; and made it known by proclamation in various languages to the people of the Eastern world in general, that the French had been reconciled to the Mussulman faith, and abjured the sect of the Messiah. Of the exploits [illegible] to execrate the folly of the attempt, and we must lament that such talents and such powerful means should have been so wretchedly misapplied. The comparison between Cæsar and Bonaparte at the moment of quitting Egypt is as disadvantageous to the latter, as that which their landing asserts. Compare his letter to the Visir expressive of his regret at having disobliged the Turkish Emperor, and his willingness to retire with his army whenever his highness the Visir, shall please to signify his wishes to him upon that subject, with his letter to Kleber, and observe with how little ceremony he points to the violation of all that he himself had promised, to the treacherous captivity of a number of Mamelukes, and to the possibility of reassuming the attempt upon Egypt on some future occasion. Let me, however, these great efforts of the human mind, which decide the fate of nations, be without their praise:—He, who could rise superior to the loss of such a fleet, and such an army, and from affecting to act the part of Alexander, or of Cæsar, could descend to all the precautions of a fugitive; who, fortunate in having made his escape, could land in France with all the confidence of a conqueror, overturn the government, place himself in effect upon the throne, and address the sovereigns of Europe in the language of [illegible] ...cient ..., who, leaving the humble duties of life, and the observances of vulgar morality to souls of an inferior sort, have shined forth the wonder and ...

France on this side of the Atlantic, than all the arts and all the gold of Great Britain could have effected in fifty years. The dark inscrutable ways of Providence invariably lead to some final good, and we are bound to believe, that this ferocious revolution, the cause of so much bloodshed, and of so many tears, will in the end prove advantageous to mankind; but do not let us be dazzled by the splendor of victory, which has crowned their cause, as not to execrate the means which have led to their success. Let us reprobate that violation of all good order, which has armed the wants and passions of the poor against the rich, which calls forth the active talents of every needy, profligate, ambitious man, whilst it furnishes him with captivating expressions, and with a specious disguise; which has countenanced violence, which has authorized plunder, which has aggravated and embittered the unavoidable inequalities of human life, which has stained the once fertile fields of St. Domingo with the blood of its wretched inhabitants, and which tends secretly to place a dagger in the hands of our most dangerous foe. Let us not desert those, who have been so long the firm and faithful friends of [illegible]

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Banks of the Enovee, Sept. 19th.

ICE HOUSE.

THE subscriber intending to decline his present line of business, now offers for sale, that valuable property, his Ice House, with all its apparatus; its acquisition is the greatest to the purchaser, as it is the first and only construction that ever could keep Ice, all the year, in a warm climate, (as a proof that it will do so, he has now a quantity of Ice in it, after supplying his very great consumption all the season.)

He likewise offers for sale all his Stock of Liquors, Furniture and Fixtures of his present line of business, together with some valuable Negroes.

N. B. Any person inclining ... his Ice house, may be instructed ... of the Ice business. For particulars apply ...

J. Jessop.

September 30. 3

WANTED,

A PERSON to undertake the building a GRINDING MILL, Fan and Sifter, to be added to a Rice Machine calculated to receive the same, and to be completed by the middle of November next. Apply to

Charles Graves.

September 15. mwf

WANTED,

Frigate Scrip.
6 Per Cents
3 Per Cents, and
Deferred Stock of this State and of the United States:

For which a generous price in cash will be given, by

... Thayer.

FOR SALE,

The HOUSE and LOT,

No. 9, west side of Bedon's Alley, lately occupied by Mr. Gamlin, containing in front ...

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[illegible] nions of the very respectable persons, whose names are involved in the Baltimore publication—in private life I know them not—I know them only as distinguished members of the community, as faithful servants of the public, and cannot conceive them as being now, or as having ever been under the operation of improper sentiments, or influenced by improper connections: but I should not, I confess, be surprised, if at present their good wishes were not altogether on the side of France. When a variety of causes had combined to effect the French revolution, it was natural for the people of America to rejoice at what we had every reason to suppose would prove so highly advantageous to a gallant and generous nation, who had sympathized with us at the time of our greatest difficulties: it was the highest compliment which could be paid to the principles of the American revolution:—The nobility and gentry of an enlightened people had thrown aside the prejudices of age, they had condescended to receive instruction from those whom their valour had protected, they had erected, by our example a glorious fabric of wisdom, and virtue; despotism would now be driven from the surface of the earth, and the victory of eternal truth be forever confirmed. The rage of civil war, which took place in some of the provinces, the bloody [illegible] of Paris, the destruction of the royal family, the proscription of all who were distinguished by birth or opulence, and of religion itself, were considered as temporary excesses: they were considered as the natural consequences of a whole people being at once let loose from a long [illegible] system of inveterate and mortifying oppression, as the ebullitions of a new spirit of freedom, which, notwithstanding these atrocities, and many whimsical and dangerous experiments upon the state of society, would certainly in the end promote the tranquility and happiness of mankind. If these pleasing hopes, so consoling in the midst of scenes, from which our nature revolts, have proved illusive, if the monster, which had concealed itself under the sacred garb of liberty, now appears to [illegible] [illegible]

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En attendant qu'il me vienne une lettre, je me console avec une gravure richement enquadrée, qu'on donne comme le portrait du célebre Muller — ce n'est pas absolument vous, mais on y distingue de vos traits, & on se dit à soi même - mais j'ai vu ce chien de visage la quelque part — ce sont vos yeux, & votre regard, mais qu'est elle donc devenue cette aimable rondeur de visage, ou le fidele Magninac se plaisoit tant? Vous souvient il du jour, que nous naviguions ensemble sur le lac de Thun, & que vous avez été si faché contre ce pauvre garçon, que nous entendimes raconter à quelqu'un combien il aimoit à raser Mr le Professeur, vu qu'il

avoit le visage si rond? vous souvient il?

— Helas, cher ami, bien des choses m'ont passé par l'esprit depuis — J'ai cru quelque fois que je vous en ferois le detail, & des principaux évenemens de ma vie; mais soit paresse d'Esprit, soit quelque sentiment semblable à celui de Dedale, quand ses mains tomberent, je n'en ai rien pu faire —

Mais Vous, dont la carriere a été si diversifiée, pourquoi ne m'en avons vous rien mandé? — pourquoi ne pas m'envoyer un exemplaire de la traduction de vos Oeuvres? & quand meme elles auroient été dans leur original tudesque, n'aurois-je pas été flatté de l'ex dono auctoris? —

Ne vous scandalisez pas ~~de ce~~ que je vous écrive en François — Nous avons eu tant & tant de ces malheureux émigrés dans ce pays ci, que cette langue m'est devenue presque comme la mienne propre — d'ailleurs nous la parlions toujours vous & moi ensemble, & je ne concois pas pourquoi vous m'ayez toujours obligé de vous écrire en anglois — Dites moi, je vous en prie, si vous vous etes corrigé de votre accent Allemand, et si, quand il est question d'aborder quelque part, vous parlez toujours de vos débordemens. Ecrivez moi, cher Muller, parlez moi de Vous, & puis de Madame Bonnet, & puis de la Suisse — dites moi qu'est devenu le pauvre Bonstetten — il n'etoit pas ~~[illegible]~~ homme, il me semble, à se courber devant les monstres qui ont détruit sa Patrie

Adieu Cher Ami

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La Bruyere tells us, dear Mother, that the great charm of social life in the intercourse of two friends is the being able to speak, or to remain silent, just as humour prompts, or imagination inspires: let us then comfort ourselves for our long silence by agreeing, that we have only been in the exercise of one of those invaluable prerogatives, which belong to friendship, & let us reassume our correspondence, as we should our conversation, if we were together, after a pause of a few minutes — We have an Example in Gibbon & his friend Dyverdun — you have seen that publication of Lord Sheffield's, I presume, & will agree with me, that the world is under great obligations to him, for bringing them so well acquainted with so amiable, so well informed, & so studious a man as Gibbon — You may be Gibbon if you please, for if you remember he wrote first, & let me be Dyverdun — I should never have been the better for your letter, had not the dear daughter of our dear friend applied her fair hand to the copying of your hieroglyphicks — the original has wandered Heaven knows where, but the copy which I owe to her goodness, & friendship, is now before me — I received

it yesterday — I am happy to think, that the utmost which you look'd forward to in the effervescence of youthful ambition has been so well realized; — & that literary distinction, honourable publick service, & domestick independence have crown'd your efforts. My military life was short, but, I think, creditable — I was call'd upon to write a great deal, & more than once to give a good example in moments of danger — my sensations, for I perfectly remember them, were exactly similar to what I had experienc'd when call'd up to construe Horace for the first time in the fifth form at Eton: — I have twice receiv'd bullets through my clothes, but was never wounded — time might have made an officer of me, when I was sent to Congress. —

My political life was quite as short, but by no means as glorious — the glow which had animated me against an army of invaders, which had silenc'd my reason, or, if you please, my prejudices, was damp'd by the tedious uninteresting debates, & miserable expedients of Congress — I found myself in a company I could not, with very few exceptions, have the least respect for as individuals, & wonder'd at the instruments it pleas'd

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My domestick life has been chequered by those evils which belong to human nature, but I have been happy in my connections, happy in my family, & happy in a talent to amuse & employ myself, liberally, & harmlessly, if to no great purpose — My mode of life at Chambersie & at Genthod has been to a great degree my mode of life since; I have travelled a great deal about our continent, read all I could get to read, kept memoran=dums of the events, which rose to my view on any side, & made extracts of all I thought worth remarking in the books, which have passed through my hands — I have written nothing that Posterity will know me by; but

had once the satisfaction of being call'd for to express the feelings of the people of South Carolina toward Gen: Washington when first elected President — I will send you that address & my Eulogy at his death

— I am glad you approve of my sentiments & expressions of that monster which has destroy'd the peace of ~~Italia~~ Europe, & shaken the foundations of our political happiness & security in America ——

You may judge what I felt in reading of the battle before Berne, & of the last effort made by the little Cantons: where was our friend Bonstetten, when so much of the Patrician blood was consumed ~~before~~ under the walls of his native City? — Tell me in your next what is now the situation of Switzerland! is this a representative government they have, or what is it? can they govern themselves as they please without the interference of the ~~t~~ gigantick Republick? — & poor Geneva! — has the image of independence, which they delighted in, & disappeard altogether? — is it nothing but a mere Provincial town of France?

you know the nature of our Government in this Country — the State Legislatures retain sufficient powers to watch over the police, & to regulate such concerns, as do not regard the general interests of the Union — a Pépinière of Statesmen, which is also a school of Eloquence, is thus kept up, & the active mind of such as grasp at the very shadow of power, & importance, are occupied & amused — The General Government is too much influenc'd in all it's operations by the spirit of party, & by the personal views & character of the President — they are now doing, & have done a great deal of Mischief — fortunately however, the essentials of liberty are so secured as to be out of their reach, & we have none of that ready & licentious crowd, which forms the mobs of large cities in Europe, & lends itself to the views of dangerous men —

Society is much as in England — but the mode of living more expensive in proportion to the means of defraying it — good Morals are as yet prevalent, but rumours would lead one to believe, that a certain degree of relaxation prevails where there is more the appearance of a Court, & a greater number of Strangers

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system of his own, & a very convenient mode of explaining away what his reason revolted at — but it was hardly more to be called Christianity than Priestly's, or Rousseau's — The last sermon of Lichfield — Frend's letter to the Bishop of Lincoln, & a little of Rousseau make up my articles of faith: you may imagine the article in which I follow Rousseau — Can you account for the miracle he relates of himself at Venice in one of the notes? — Pray tell me too; how do the ingenious ~~men~~ men about you account for the curious specimen of pretended magick related by W: Wraxall in his tour through Germany? — You will easily get the book, & find the place —

It is time I should get back to myself — You know, it seems, that my Virginia daughter has made me a Grandfather — I see her too seldom — My second daughter is in her 14th — my son in his 13th year — if you do not see me at Vienna, which I can hardly hope for, you will probably see him — but of that more hereafter — My wife, the faithful companion of eighteen years, is pleased to see the Countenance of the friend she has heard me speak of so often, & ~~[illegible]~~ whose terrible hand writing has deprived her of a pleasure I had put in her power; for I have preserved all your letters.

My Brother is at Rhode island — after many cruel disappointments he is the father of four fine children — We have preserv'd our old friendship & love for each other unshaken — My Mother & Sister live in the upper country — they enjoy health, do many charitable actions amongst their poorer neighbours, have a good collection of books, endeavor me to augment it for them almost every winter, & have all even the elegant comforts of rural life about them. My Sister's son, who so rashly but so bravely attempted to assist La Fayette, has been lately married to the daughter of Mr Pinckney, who was minister from America in England. The W. Huger, who was my Ward, I know but little of — he is in publick life, & without being distinguish'd, is far beyond mediocrity — upon the subject of our ~~athleing~~ ~~now~~ now hardly acquainted you will learn from me hereafter. —

You will begin to wish, with the Father in the Medecin Malgré lui, that Mr Boone, who has brought me to recommence writing to you, could exercise his power in putting an end to my letter — I could write on all day — but will not go beyond the next side. My income is larger than yours,

but my independence, I imagine, not as great — Our estates were for some time after the peace very far from being productive, & we had years of such low prices as hardly enabled us to pay with the whole crop the expence of making it — I have had to encounter also some very severe losses — A Servant once awakened me at night, & I saw the whole of my barn yard, & my mills on fire — I walked out at another time after dinner, & looking back saw the flames burst from the roof of my house — but the effects of these & many other unfortunate events are now over, & foreseeing the attainment of that independence, I have always sighed after, I am ready to cry out Italian, Italian. — I am yet in hopes that I shall see Europe again, & it is possible that the Olive coloured American Savage may yet greet in Person the little Historian of Switzerland — Of my plans on this score — more hereafter — in the mean time be assured that I will write to you again in two months & that I am, whatsoever I was

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— Let me add — that the book of all others which I have read most frequently since we parted is; you would not perhaps suppose it, the letters of Madame de Sevigné — it has to me the charms of a novel, & the solid merit of history: her opinions on Men, books & things are always worthy of attention: — her wish to pay her debts — her [illegible] of independence, her attachment to her children make me respect & love her — I do not believe what Bussy Rabutin pretends to have known, but I confess that I believe she loved her son more, & her daughter less, than she [illegible] Coulange! I was struck with the perfect meaning of what he says in one of his letters à son aimable Gouvernante, qu'il avoit toujours joui du superflu, sans avoir jamais possédé le ne=cessaire — Adieu —

[illegible]t do you think of Boswell's life of Johnson! — did so great a fool ever talk so well before — I think the World much obliged to him. What do they say in Germany of Robinson's & Abbé Barruel's pretended discoveries & communications about the Illuminati? — the epithet ex=presses my opinion. —
This eyesight of mine you talk of — mention a letter to Mr Bennet — who lives at Genthod? —

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Monsieur

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Monsieur de Muller

Conseiller Aulique &c:

à Vienne

England 6s.

June 8th

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Je vous ecris, cher Muller, d'une petite maison de campagne à peu près
comme celle que nous habitions ensemble à Chambeirie — elle est sur les
bords de la mer; à la droite c'est la Ville de Charleston, qui s'eleve comme
du sein des eaux — devant moi c'est la rade, où passent & repassent continu-
ellement des batimens de toute sorte — & puis vient l'isle de Sullivan's cou-
verte de maisonnettes qui ne ressemblent pas mal aux bastides de Mar-
seille — & puis c'est la Mer dans toute sa grandeur, tantot agitée par des tem-
pêtes, tantot [illegible] d'une tranquillité charmante — laissant paisiblement aborder
les vaisseaux — Jamais votre lettre, qui devoit marquer la renaissance de
notre ancienne correspondance, ne seroit parvenue; jamais je n'aurois su
que vous aviez pensé à moi, si la main obligeante & delicate de votre amie
ne s'étoit prêtée à mettre votre griffonage au net — car l'original en est
[illegible] la copie [illegible], graces à ses precauti-
ons j'ai donc appris que vous etiez toujours ce meme Muller avec qui les jours
de Chambeirie & de Genthod se sont écoulés — J'espere que vous aurez reçu
ma lettre aussi — elle vous aura mis au fait des principaux evenemens qui
me regardent depuis que nous ne nous ecrivons plus, et vous aurez vu, que mes

jours, si non filés d'or & de soie, ont été toutefois heureux, que je mene
une vie, si non joyeuse, - au moins contente, - que je goute enfin pai=
siblement où Dieu a voulu que je fusse attaché -
Ce n'est pas, qu'il ne me passe par la tete mainte idée de faire un tour
en Europe, & que je n'aie d'assez grandes espérances de les réaliser - mais
par malheur nos bonnes récoltes en deçà ne nous servent à rien à moins
que vous n'en ayez de mauvaises au delà de la Mer - il faut cela pour
que le riz se vende, et c'est sur le riz que sont baties nos finances - S'il plait
à Dieu donc de vous faire jeuner vous autres, nous en serons très à notre aise,
& ferons tout ce que nous voudrons; mais nous amaigrissons de votre embonpoint -
Je ferai l'impossible presque pour voir la France avant que deux années
se plus aient passé sur ma tête - car je veux examiner de près
cette soidisant République, qui fait tant d'actions illustres, et a commis
tant d'atrocés, & qui donnera lieu à l'admiration et à la haine du Genre
humain de siecles en siecles - Je veux aborder ~~aborder~~ cet homme célèbre
que les caprices du sort ont mis sur le marchepied du trône - je veux voir
son maintien - son air - entendre le son de sa voix - & juger de mes propres
yeux si les favoris de la Fortune sont faits comme les autres hommes: Je

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sur que pour cela il faut que je me depeche, & que j'arrive en France, avant que la Roue de l'Aveugle Déesse ait pu faire un demi tour de plus.

J'aimerois bien, comme vous pouvez croire, revoir l'Angleterre, & cet ancien ami de ma jeunesse, & la famille que Dieu a voulu lui laisser — & vous, cher Shelley, je voudrois bien vous voir, vous embrasser, & vous dire, voici ma femme & mes enfans.

Je ne vous parle pas, comme vous voyez, ni de mes lectures, ni de notre gouvernement, ni des restes de guerre que nous avons dans les iles Françoises, ou la sort semble avoir dit, il faut que la France boive jusqu'à la lie de la coupe qu'elle a empoisonnée de ses propres mains — mais de moi — c'est — j'ose le dire, le sujet qui vous interesse le plus — Je suis comme vous m'avez toujours connu, vivant familierement avec tres peu de personnes; aimant cette litérature oiseuse qui fournit à la conversation; évitant par un sentiment moitié fierté, mêlé d'un peu de prejugé politique sortant de l'ancienne source, moitié fainéantise, tout ce qui pourroit me mener aux emplois; chérissant dans les replis de mon cœur le tendre souvenir de mes anciens amis; & gardant toujours une prévention que rien ne peut changer, en faveur de cette nation, à laquelle j'appartenois autrefois, & de ce gouvernement, sous lequel le ciel n'a pas voulu que je restasse.

L'Experience m'a montré les hommes en mal plutot qu'en bien, et je n'ai pas tardé de reconnoitre que Montesquieu avoit bien raison quand il parlait des Vertus qui sont les plus propres aux differens gouvernemens — l'honneur n'est pas certainement le ressort de celui ci — La Providence m'a éprouvé par des malheurs, et par des pertes — J'ai eu aussi à lutter contre des lettres, et me suis vu dechu de certaines esperances du coté des biens de la Fortune, que j'avois été en droit de former: — avec tout cela — mon courage — ou pour mieux dire mon cheerfulness, ne m'a jamais abandonné, et l'étude, ou plutot la lecture, m'a été d'une ressource inépuisable: bien des fois ma surprise rappelle, en lisant certains passages des auteurs qui me tomboient entre les mains, des traits de notre ancienne vie de Chambeisie; — Rousseau par exemple, qui au retour d'un Voyage trouve un étranger établi chez sa Mad: de Warens, et qui dans la suite si légerement s'engoue de Bacle, m'a rappellé des scenes que vous sçavez — Qu'est il devenu ce pauvre Danois qui faisoit tant de chagrin à ceux qui sentoient qu'ils valoient mieux que lui? à propos de Danois, a t on jamais vu pareille bêtise à celle de cette nation Danoise? et ces miserables Suedois, et ces barbares leurs voisins, a t on jamais vu de conduite comme la leur? Est il vrai que ce miserable descendant des anciens Czars

soit mort des mains de ses propres chambellans? Je scai que c'est assez la mode du Pays, mais Je n'aime pas me prêter trop facilement aux ru=meurs des actions atroces.

Scavez vous pourquoi je vous écris plutot d'ici que de Kensington? c'est que la gravure, que notre ami commun m'a fait parvenir, est un des principaux ornemens de mon petit sallon:— On y voit the little Histo[illegible] of Switzerland assis dans son fauteuil — on le voit qui médite pro=fondement, on voit les cheveux frisés qui ont succedés à sa perruque de pro=fesseur, & des livres bien reliés qui ont pris la place ~~de~~ de ces chif=fons de papier qui donnoient à sa chambre l'air de l'antre de la Sibille — On n'y trouve pas à la verité ce visage qui etoit bien lune toute entiere, mais on y reconnait des traits frappans, on soupire, & les larmes viennent aux yeux. Mais qu'est elle devenue la generation de ces braves paysans, qu'on y voit les mains levées vers le ciel!— il [illegible] que le feu sacré qui les animoit soit éteint— certes si la Suisse produisoit d'autres de cette trempe, la difficulté de prononcer leurs noms ne nuiroit pas à leur celebrité.— Vous n'ecrivez, sans doute,

cher Müller, comme je vous écris — c'est à dire longuement —
Commencez par me parler de Vous, et puis des affaires d'Europe, et puis
des livres publiés depuis peu, qui font honte à la Postérité. —

Votre Empereur est donc possesseur de l'Antique Venetia, et le Lion
de St Marc s'est courbé devant l'Aigle Romaine! — c'est sans doute
une consolation pour St Marc, mais je plains le sort du plus ancien
gouvernement d'Europe: Dans une autre partie d'Italie je vois
reduite la puissance temporelle des Papes, malgré tout ce que nos commentateurs de l'Apocalipse avait trouvé de saintes denonciations contre
la dame de Babylone — St Jean a eu beau rever, les Protestans
ont beau tourmenter les phrases, Rome reste, et restera toujours —

Adieu — Ecrivez moi — et croyez que suis comme autrefois

Yours

F. K

Kinloch.

Bordeaux 4 Sep: 1803

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Quelle date, cher Muller, apres une si longue absence! Quel rapprochement entre nous deux! Me voici à Bordeaux avec ma femme, ma ~~soeur~~ fille, mon fils, & la fille de mon frere — mon fils partira sous peu pour Geneve sous la protection d'un Mr. Delaval, homme respectable à tous les égards, qui a fait la traversée avec nous — le reste de la famille se mettera en chemin une semaine ou dix jours apres. — L'hyver se passera à Geneve, où on trouve encore, à ce qu'on m'écrit de la, tout ce qu'on peut désirer pour l'education de ses enfans — J'y serai etabli dans un bon appartement, & vous pouvez juger s'il n'y aura pas une chambre pour Muller. Etant une fois établi, je verrai, cher ami, ce qu'il y aura à faire, & ce que je pourrai faire pour vous soulager, car j'ai bien lu, non sans émotions, comme vous pouvez croire, votre lettre du 12 mai — je l'ai trouvé ici

avec plusieurs lettres de notre ami Commun — L'idée de ce qui aurait pu arriver à cette caterone nocturne ne fait frémir — Vous souvient il, cher ami, du commencement de notre liaison à Geneve?

Who knows but Providence makes me once more the hum= ble instrument of being useful to you? some assistance I can certainly render you, & look forward with confidence to the being able to render you more — Do not let my going to Geneva make you give up any advantage =ous situation you may have in possession, or in certain view — I am too much your friend for that — but let me find a letter from you "à la poste restante à Geneve" in which you must give me the particulars of your situation, & your prospects — let the joining me at Geneva take place only in case of your not being able to do better — one interview we must at all events contrive to have —

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the present, as I am not very certain of your address.
will be sent under cover to a merchant in Vienna,
— & my subsequent letters will go in the same channel
till I get to Geneva, & receive a letter from you there
— that I hope will be in November. —

Send the enclosed to our dear friend & protector — it is possi
=ble that my letters from hence may not reach him —

Adieu — My letter is short — but it is my first letter —
& it contains, if it does justice to my intentions, & feelings,
the expression of a sincere unalterable friendship, & the
determination of sharing your distresses — be comforted
— we shall meet again — we shall live to look back upon all
that has happened as upon a troubled dream, & your face
will be as easy to shave as ever

F. Kinloch

une bonne Occasion s'étant offerte pour l'Angleterre — la lettre par
M. Bourne est partie.
Ecrivez moi quelques lignes à la poste restante à Lion — mais que la
grande lettre se trouve à Geneva —

Monsieur

Monsieur Muller

à Vienne

En Autriche

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6th Nov:

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The distance which now separates us, is, as you say, nothing
in comparison of the great sea, which rolls between us, & I
think with a satisfaction, which you can conceive, dear Miller,
of our meeting next spring — your room shall be prepared in
time, & your place at table assigned.

Geneva, notwithstanding the Sabine marriage with France, is in
many respects what it was — it's natural Beauties, it's lake,
its environs, it's town have undergone no change; losses in the
French funds, & the almost total extinction of trade have all the
effect of Sumptuary Laws; literature is still as respected, & even
in Vogue; the French are no more seen or known in good compa
=ny. than formerly; the little Societies of the place are on their
old establishment; & of the beauties, whom I once admired, were not
all of them grown old Women, I should sometimes be very easily carried
back in imagination to the period at which I lived here.

I have been at our Chamberlain by permission of Mr Bennett's daughter,

whom I found there to my great astonishment under the name of Madame Droz — I have not yet been to Genthod — but I have seen a + bust of our Venerable & belovd friend, which is as like him as any thing inanimate can be to Human life — &c. I have orderd a Copy one of the same sort — if I could get a bust of our other belovd friend or even his picture from England, my collection in that way would be as compleat, as I wish it.

I found my Old acquaintance & neighbour, to whom I made civil speeches, when 'ever I had an opportunity, & whose black eyes I usd to admire all the Way from the Street up to a two pair of stairs Window, handsomely settled as the Wife of a very respectable man, a Monsieur de Germanie, — & her good Mother & Aunt in all the chearfulness of healthy, well informd, happy old age, upon a visit there — Mademoiselle Fabri, who so innocently & to the great alarm of her Mother, held up her mouth to kiss me on the Treille, is the Wife of Soladin, whom we usd to see so much at

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Genthod — the other Sisters I have not seen — Miss Saky Turretini & in the flower of all the Belles of 76 & 77 — admitted my visit the other Evening in her chamber, & I found her complaining of aches & pains & nerves, but still with two fine eyes, & the smile of former times — DeVegobre I have not seen — Turrettini is grown prematurely old with losses & frights during the Storm of the revolutionary ~~[illegible]~~ Tempest at Geneva — Pictet, who is the husband of Miss S. Turrettini, has made out better, & stands well in the litterary world, as well as in the political: You have no doubt seen some number of his Bibliotheque Britannique — the best information I have of our Country will appear there —

I am happy to see you relieved of so much of your great loss —

I have a small inheritance in Scotland which Mr Boone is in the act of assisting me to dispose of — I have assigned you a Child's portion with in common with myself my Wife & two children — your share will be about £150 — & probably payable in June next. — My Wife is

though not robust, yet well — my Daughter a tall likely lass of nearly 15 has Masters at home, — my Son goes to school in the day, & sleeps at home — You can be of service to me here= after in his education, & will be, I am sure —

I have written in a hurry — I shall not wait your answer to write again & tell me, when you do write, what is thought & expected of the much talked of invasion — Will the mighty powers of the North remain unconcerned spectators of so interes= ting a struggle? Will they suffer the last retreat of Law, Liberty & Religion — of all that is Valuable — venerable — & respectable in Society to be violated by a Ruffian? — God forbid —

My dear & ever to be respected Mother has paid the debt to Nature in good old age — & after many latter years of comfort & tran= quility — My Brother is now in England principally for the health of his Wife — his Children are young — the Eldest of eight years is with me — & will receive a good education —

when I see you, we will talk of the possibility of seeing one another again

at Vienna — My resources depend so much upon the uninterrupted trade of America, that I can by no means say, what they will enable me to do — There are parties, as you observe, in America as in Europe — I think the party now in power one of bad principles, & low views — they will not, I fear, have the energy to refuse the purchase of Louisiana, which the example of all former times, & a very little reflection ~~would~~ ought to shew the danger of — but of this more hereafter — Besides the information furnished Pictet, — I will be particular, if you chose it, in my future letters on any Subject you wish respecting America, as I have good materials with me — I have been reading Mallet's History in which I can conceive the Use he has made of you — an account of the War with the little Cantons, which in some measure explains what I could not understand before as to the facility with which those, as I thought, unconquerable, people were subdued — I leave in the Maison Joly sur la Grande rue — Direct to me accordingly — Adieu Dear Friend

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Monsieur

[illegible] Monsieur Muller

de la Bibliotèque Imperiale

à

en Autriche Vienne

8th Dec:

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Bonstetten left the inclos'd with me, dear Muller, & begg'd that I would forward it — I am at length permanently & comfortably fix'd at Geneva — & if my Son had not been attack'd by a fever & ague, which the bark has with difficulty enabled him to shake off, we should have been all happy & in a good way —

Our friend Bonstetten adds to my satisfaction here — the gaiety & universality of his Conversation are delightful — but I do not like the strain & tendency of his politicks — ~~the~~ No Patrician of Berne, no good Swiss ought to hold such — His charming amiable Wife remembers our Visit in the Valley of Rougemont — the impression ~~of~~ left upon my mind was that of some princess whom I had seen in an inchanted Castle — but she is still better — she is the Virtuous — much respected Mother of a family —

Pray tell me — will the Colossus of the North move to the assistance of the brave islanders? Will that pitiful Swindling government of Prussia ever meet with it's deserts? — I have heard & read a

a great deal of the German indemnities — pray, dear Shelley tell me what was the object — the Operation — & the Event of that business — How is the body Politick of the German Republick affected — What influence ~~have~~ has it had upon the power, & resources of your Emperor? — Does Venice make him amends for the Netherlands? — Will he become a Maritime Power? — Do English goods find their way through Germany by Trieste? —

How can you all sit quietly, & see the French in Hanover! —

— Your Situation, I presume, must give you some idea of Turkish politicks, & of what regards modern Greece — I should like much to know what the real state of the Turk is upon your Frontiers; who would have supposed, that their Empire would have lasted longer than ~~that~~ of the Monarchy of France? —

As to Greece — I should like to know something of this new republick of the seven islands, & whether there is any modern Greek literature — Do they understand their ancient Authors? — I have given

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given you topicks enough to write to me upon, dear Shelley, if
you ~~will~~ are really willing to do so —
I find Geneva less altered than I could have supposed possible
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proves the shameful timidity of number, & the depraved anarchy
ty of a few — they ~~worthy~~ were not worthy of liberty, &
France was right in taking it from them, as you take a
knife from a Child, for fear he should cut himself.
were the Jupiter of Horace to bid them in the midst
of their complaints be at once what they pretend to desire, they
would either retract, or fall to cutting each others throats.
Adieu — Pray Write to me, & believe me as usual

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Monsieur

Monsieur Muller –

Historien de la Suisse
à Vienne
en Autriche

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Tell me, as soon as you can, Dear Muller, if you have received the bill of exchange on London, & if you have ne=
=gotiated it — You shall next month receive a similar one, & may easily conceive how much easier it is for me to command such a sum by two bills, than by one: — I had already agreed with my Merchant in England how much a month I was to draw for, & could not exceed it by a great deal, though I may by £25 —

I hear nothing of our inheritance in Scotland — but still hope, that you will be able to command Your share in June next — But for Heaven's sake do not think of bestowing it upon a journey, even to come & see me, apply it to the sinking of your debts — & I will contrive, that we shall meet. — The Boissiere belongs to the Professor — the Old Madame of Tronchin of M is dead — the Other whom I have

seen two or three times, & whose conversation I like very
much is as inaccessible, as if she lived in a Moated Castle,
& had a Giant at the gate —
I found, & still find Geneva much as I left it — the
same universal tincture of litterature amongst the Ladies, the
same good sense, shrewdness, & goormandising among the men
— My Son will probably be fixed with Prevost the Professor,
whose Brother you once knew, but I do not believe you knew
him — my present intention is, that he shall remain
there 4 years — & then that he shall repair to the side of
the Great Muller —

I have now a favour to beg of you —
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who is a ~~sort~~ man of pleasing conversation, who is old, & who
after all is a man letters distinguished in the ~~litterar~~ literary
world, assures me, that he wrote to you & sent you his book,

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have said to you — if you find a ~~the~~ difficulty in ~~the~~
negociating the bill I sent you, you may return it
to me, & draw on me at 10 days sight. —
I see Bonstetten here frequently — I love him for your
sake, as well as for his chearful & various con-
versation — But I should love a Swiss who would
feel more for the Prostrate honour of his Country —
Adieu — Dear Muller — You must be shocked at a report
of a Committee of Congress with respect to the Floridas in the Gazette
of Leyden — the Jacobine administration of America will
be of no service to its permanent prosperity —
Does the Colossus of the North move, or not?

Monsieur

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[illegible] Historien de la Suisse

à Vienne en Autriche

P.O.O.P.
GENEVE

February 4

Il faut, mon cher Muller, que votre lettre ait dormi en chemin – je ne l'ai reçu que trois Semaines apres: je vous envoye une lettre de Change de 25£, en avance d'hoirie, & vous en aurez autant le mois prochain mais je crains que le recouvrement de notre heritage ne soit un peu plus loin que je ne pensai; je vous en donnerai des nouvelles plus certaines dans le courant du mois prochain, & je vous enverai en attendant des details en reponse a tout ce que vous me demandez dans votre derniere; mais je m'attends préalable=ment a une reponse a ma derniere.

Adieu je vous ecris par la main de ma fille qui Vous salue – Je vous aurais envoyé la lettre de Change ci incluse plutot, mais il falloit donner le temo a ma lettre d'avis de prendre le devant. accusez moi vite la reception de cette lettre. – Yours ever

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Voici une lettre, mon cher Muller, que notre ami Bonstetten me prie de vous expedier — ne recevant point de lettres de vous, vous ne devez pas vous étonner que je ne vous écrive qu'un mot — dites moi si vous avez reçu les 25 £ & si vous avez pu les negocier — les autres 25 £ ne vous manqueront pas pour ce qui restera de l'heritage, il faudra attendre — Je ne vous conseille pas, cher ami, de dépenser votre argent à me venir voir — employez le plutôt à payer vos dettes, & à vous donner cette independance, qui vous convient — en tout cas j'aimerois mieux que ce fut en été à la maison Constant à St Jean, qu'ici — Adieu — que dites vous de Moreau — de Pichegru — & des tems où nous vivons? — ce sera bien une belle portion de l'Histoire

5 Mars

Voici une lettre, mon cher Muller, que notre ami Bonstetten
me prie de vous expedier — ne recevant point de lettres
de vous, vous ne devez pas vous étonner que je ne vous écrive
qu'un mot — dites moi si vous avez reçu les 25 L & si vous
avez pu les negocier — les autres 25 L ne vous manqueront pas
pour ce qui restera de l'heritage, il faudra attendre —
Je ne vous conseille pas, cher ami, de dépenser votre argent
à me venir voir — employez le plutôt à payer vos dettes, & à vous
donner cet independance, qui vous convient — en tout cas
j'aimerois mieux que ce fut en été à la maison Constant
à St Jean, qu'ici — Adieu — que dites vous de Moreau — de
Pichegru — & des tems où nous vivons? — ce sera bien une belle
portion de l'Histoire

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Monsieur

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Monsieur Muller

L'historien de la Suisse

à Vienne

[illegible] Bock.
en Autriche

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S.t Jean — ce 1 Mars — 1809

Je viens de recevoir Votre lettre, mon cher Ami, & je vous reponds par la main de ma Fille, cette meme fille qui s'etonnoit, il y a dix ans, de l'interet que je prenois à ce griffoñage que je recevois quelquefois d'Europe signé du nom de Muller. Ne sachant pas clairement votre situation, ni par quelles mains cette lettre pourra passer, je ne fais point d'observations sur ce que vous me mandez: Mon cœur ne s'épanchera qu'à de meilleurs indices: en attendant vous pouvez tirer sur moi pour 25 Louis payables le premier du Mois de Juin: d'autres 25 viendront à la longue; Il est juste que je Vous dise, que Vous serez redevable de ces deux dernieres sommes a Mon Frere & à Monsieur B. H; ecrivez en un mot je vous prie à Mon frere qui est toujours en Angleterre, notre Venerable Ami lui remettroit Votre lettre. — Adieu. Le Maitre de dessein n'ayant pas voulu que Mademoiselle achevat la lettre, c'est à moi à le faire, en vous priant de m'ecrire au plutot — Yours F. K

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St Jean à la maison Constance 26 Mai 1804

Je ne fais que de recevoir votre lettre, mon cher Muller, celle du 5 mai je veux dire — elle etoit restée une semaine à cette vilaine maison Joly pendant que j'etois dans ce lieu enchanté avec ma famille — Avertissez moi de votre arrivée a Copet, & vous aurez tout de suite de mes nouvelles, avec tous les renseignemens qui ~~puissent~~ pourront vous etre necessaires — Comme vous parlez de visites & de Courses dans le pays de Hasli, c'est que vous etes resté garçon, pendant que moi je me suis fait une famille qui me demande à presque tous les momens de la vie — ma femme est à la veille de ses couches, mais des ce que ce moment sera passé, & que je me serai debarassé de tout l'attirail que suppose un pareil evenement, votre chambre sera en ordre pour vous recevoir — Adieu —

J'espere que vous avez recu ma lettre adressée chez Mr Gregory a Londres — Louis

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St Jean – Maison Constant – Jan 8
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Avertissez moi de votre arrivée à Copet par ~~un bout~~ un mot de lettre adressé simplement à Geneve – & vous aurez tout de suite de mes nouvelles – J'ai 25 louis à votre disposition – je vous les enverrai, si vous voulez, ou vous pourrez les tirer sur moi payables au porteur, ou bien je les garderai jusqu'à ce que j'aie le bonheur de vous voir. – Adieu Fik

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I send you, dear friend, my last from Muller — who ought now to be at Copet. it was too late to write to him at Lausanne when I got it —

My Wife has frequent alarms, as passengers after a long voyage are frequently persuaded that they see the land — she is however still up —

My plan for Muller, whilst he stays, is a much better one than his — be so good, I beg of you, if you see him before I do, which I presume you will, to tell him so, & to say, that I beg of him to decide on nothing, 'till he hears from me —

— the day will be the time my Wife will most require my attention, in the Evening & morning I shall be most at Liberty — He may therefore sleep here as soon as the sage femme has done her duty. —

Yours F. K.

Monsieur –

Monsieur de Bonstetten

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St Jean. Jeudi —

Thank Madame de Stael for me, dear Muller, & say in the best phrases you can find for the occasion, how sensible I am of her goodness, & with what pleasure I shall hasten to pay my respects to her, whenever the situation of my family may enable me to go from home for more than half an hour at a time.—

It seems strange, that we should have been so near, ~~[illegible]~~ and for so long a time & without meeting; but think, my friend, how much worse it would be, if such had been the effect of some domestick misfortune, some misadventure, or any disinclination to see ~~a~~ each other — as it is — "the stars are more in fault than we"

— Tell me by the return of the bearer what your plans are — Could you not come here tomorrow, dine here, & go into Geneva in the Evening? Tell me the ~~time~~ hour of your setting out, & how you travel, I mean in what sort of carriage, & if any thing should take place in my family ~~[illegible]~~ previously to the time, at which you may be expected, there shall be a person on the road to give you notice of it, who will stop you, before you reach Geneva: you will pass of course by Secheron —

Having once seen other, we can better regulate our subse-
quent meeting, & the moment I can get the Sage femme out of the
house, she now passes every night here, you will be put in
possession of the room originally intended for you.

You will find me grown very old, & very weather beaten —
Cares & troubles came once thick upon me, but I have no reason
of late to complain of Fortune, who, Juvenal may say what he
will, is a sort of Goddess after all. —
Adieu — dear Muller — I hope to see your face rising upon me
tomorrow like the full moon from behind a cloud. —
Should our Common friend Bonstetten be at Cassel, & bring him
with you — if we can see You, we can see him —

Adieu

You may observe by the outside of my letter that I can not
find it in my heart to give you all your titles — it is not
from my Republicanism, which becomes less & less the longer I live,
but I can not agree that my friend shall be even titular counsellor

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Monsieur

Monsieur Muller

3 heures du matin

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Ma femme est heureusement ac=couchée à 1 heure moins un quart d'une fille — jamais accouchement n'a été plus heureux à tous les égards — son mal n'a pas duré une quart d'heure ——

Prenez donc demain et dimanche à voir vos connoissances de Geneve, et venez déjeuner ici Lundi matin — Adieu — cher excellent ami — ~~[illegible]~~ Je vous prie de [illegible] de dire à Monsieur de Sonnaz la bonne raison que j'ai pour ne pas diner chez lui demain, ou plutôt aujourd'hui.

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vous disant du bien de Votre Ami.
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Inventez quelque chose de ne parlez pour Mad: de Staël.

You will see me on monday, dear Müller, & I will inform Bonstetten in time — I must also inform Tarrellini, ~~otherwise~~, or he would break his heart: ~~It~~ to dine at Coppet in this unceremonious manner is a liberty I should hardly take were not the Lady of the castle as much beloved for her good nature and hospitality, as she is admired for her genius —

You ~~ask~~ left some cards here which I shall carry with me on monday — it would be a pity that these memorials of our earlier years should be lost, & that Posterity should not be able to form an opinion of you from your own confessions in the year 96.

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Adri—

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Monsieur

Monsieur Muller

chez Madame de Staël Holstein

Coppet

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Paris 12. June 1804

My dear Sir

I have made my way to this place without interruption and can not account for the difficulties we met with at Milan as I find they did not at that time exist elsewhere. We went from Berne to Basle where we embarked on the Rhine and by the force of the current made a passage in a few hours to Strasbourg - It is certain that nothing can be more strange or interesting than the events which daily occur here, but I believe it would be very imprudent for one while he is within the reach of the long arm of this Government, to give his sentiments upon them. That is if he should not, like those Frenchmen who have in turn addressed the Assembly, Robespierre, the Directory the Consuls & the Emperor, always think the power that is deserving of adulation - Since I have been here the Trials which terminated a day or two since have occupied entirely the minds of the Parisians. In the interest they have taken in this subject and in the astonishment which the new order of things has created the invasion seems to have been forgotten and I have hardly heard it mentioned ~~[illegible]~~. I have

seen the vivacity of the French character, and their anxiety concerning the fate of General Moreau strongly marked by several incidents,— The other night at the Theatre Français this sentiment occurred in one of the pieces. "A man tho in chains may be innocent" and again a Lawyer who is made to dance a minuet on the stage is told "that justice appears with a very bad grace"— The audience instantly seized these expressions, and unanimously joined in a clamour that shook the house. Like things have occurred in all the Theatres, and the Public have lost no opportunity to express the deep interest they have taken in the late criminal proceedings— The Hall of the Tribunal has been so crowded that it has been hardly possible to gain an entry. And at the time that the judges were considering the judgement they were to pronounce it was surrounded I am told by very many thousands of People watching with the utmost anxiety to learn the doom of a man who to say the least, appears to possess as much of the Popular favor as any in the empire. No one can say that the judges have been influenced in the sentence they have pronounced by the unequivocal expressions of the public sentiment which must have reached their ears, or by the personal danger that there might have been for themselves, or for the existance of the Government even, if they had condemned Moreau to death. But very many think ~~he is~~ ~~extremely fortunate that the consequences of such~~ a sentence are not to be experienced

I am very much surprised that you have not received the Picture. I would not trust any one else with it, and I put it myself into the Post office on the 19th of last month at the same time that I put into the office the letter which you have received. I recollect giving it to a tall young man who stood at the window of the office. And when I asked if it would go safe & he assured me that it would

The Valet de Place ... me when I gave it ... no doubt that he ... person who lately ... had made for it at ... sealed. It made a ... You post restante a ... Burr has an extra... trouble about it, that ...

There are ... much hinnon. Mr ... but is expected here ... Mr. Gardner a young ... And there is a Mr. ... & Mr Barney all you... Mr. Barlow & his ... here as Americans ... live long. And Mr. ... not at this moment ... a post script as they ... Mr Kinlock & Em...

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The Valet de Place that I had at Bern assisted me in packing of it up and was with me when I gave it into the office. I do not recollect the name of the Valet. But I have no doubt that he might be easily found if enquiry was made at the Falcon Inn for the person who lately served two Americans – The Picture was in a Tin case which I had made for it at Florence. This was wrapped round with brown paper, corded & sealed. It made a roll of about two feet long and 1½ inch diameter. It was addressed to Mon[illegible] port restante a Geneve – I can not but think, Sir that if some person at Bern has an extract from this letter and is prevailed upon to take some little trouble about it, that the thing must be found. –

There are a number of Americans here, but very few I believe who are much known. Mr Livingston the Minister has been in England for some time past but is expected here in ten or twelve days. From South Carolina there is Mr [illegible] Mr Gardner a young Gentleman who says he has the pleasure of your a[illegible] And there is a Mr Man with his family – Mr Cabel, Mr Upshaw, Mr Coles, Mr Jaycock & Mr Barney all young men, or at least Bachelors, are also here from the southward Mr Barlow & his family & Mr Swan & his family I have visited. I find also here as Americans Sir Grenville Temple, with his lady who I think will not live long. And Mr Robinson & his Lady – This list ought to be longer but I can not at this moment call their names to my recollection but I will add them in a postscript as they occur to me. I pray my dear Sir to be remembered to Mrs Kinlock & your family & that you will believe that I am very respectfully

& very truly your sincere friend & obedient humble s[ervant]

Cadwallader D Colden

My Banker in London is Philip Sansam Esquire. and should I go there I shall receive all letters addressed for me to his care. But I am so anxious to get home that I do not know if I shall be able to prevail on myself to prolong my Voyage. I shall at any rate be here till about the 20th. July. My address here is: Rue Peltier Boulevard Italien No. 14 - If I can render you any service I hope you know it will give me pleasure to receive your commands -

Monsieur
Monsieur Kinloch
Poste restante à
Genève

Americans in Paris. Mr. Alston of S Carolina - Mr. Vanderlinen - Mr. Mercer - Mr. McClure and Mr. - Barnet. these are the three Commissioners under the late New Orleans convention. - Mr. Fenwick & his Lady (formerly Consul at Bordeaux) Mr. Skipwith our Consul here. Mr. Pollock a young Gentleman from the Southward -

My dear friend –

I will not go to bed without writing to you – I received your's from Coppet – the Cards with the other papers I promised you were left at Paschouds, but Madame de Stael's commissioner would not receive them, asserting that you were already gone from Coppet – they shall be sent after you to Berlin with some book to give sufficient weight to the parcel – The having met with you in this manner, & all the circumstances of our meeting are among the most delightful circumstances of my life, & I can assure you that my family partici=pate in my pleasure upon the occasion –

I am going on with my letter, & am just come to that part of the History of Geneva where the approach of Montesquiou's for a while suspended all difference of opinion – "They ask'd no omen but their Country's Cause" –

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it appears to have been the last bright moment in the an=
=nals of this little nation.

If you should have time before you leave Berne pray write me a line or two & say what you suppose to have been the effect of the Revolution in Switzerland on Commerce — Agriculture — litera=
ture, morals & the administration of Justice — As to the great impending events, I expect you will write to me now & then, & keep me as far informed as you may with propriety, relying upon it, that however I may avail myself of your information, I will never quote your authority — if there be at any time a probability of Prussia being prevail'd upon, mention it under the allegory of a lover's prevailing with his mistress — & call Austria the Cousin —

Adieu — dear — dear friend — count upon me through life for I am really & truly yours

In speaking of France say the Marquis — of England the Baron — of Denmark & Sweden the Lairds. of Russia the Lover — of Prussia the Mistress — & of Austria the Cousin.

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St Jean 7 d'Aout

J'ai tant voyagé avec mon frere – cher Müller – que je n'ai point pu trouver un instant pour repondre à votre premiere lettre de Berlin – je dis premiere dans l'esperance qu'a l'heure qu'il est il y en a probablement une seconde en route —

Nous avons été voir le nouveau chemin qui se fait le long des rochers de Meillerie – et puis aux glaciers de Chamonie – et puis à Yverdun – ou nos pauvres parens nous ont reçu si bien qu'il nous semblait que nous n'avions pas fait la moitié assez de chemin pour être si bien accueillis — c'est à Yverdun que je me suis separé de mon excellent ami, mon frere, qui est maintenant sur le Rhin voguant paisiblement vers la Hollande, ou il doit s'embarquer pour se rendre en Angleterre – c'est singulier qu'il y ait une communication presque journaliere entre ces deux pays, & que les batimens Hollandois ne soient jamais chargés que de l'argent – ne venez pas me dire ensuite, que

les Anglois ont perdu leur commerce, & que leurs manufacturiers soient ~~sont~~ aux abois — Ma femme - ma fille - mon fils & la petite Caroline ont été du Voyage de Chamounie — je ne crois pas que cette dernière en ait beaucoup profité du coté de l'Esprit — mais sa santé y aura gagné, car il n'est pas possible d'être mieux portant qu'elle n'est — elle a le teint frais, la bouche vermeille — & le visage presque aussi rond que le Votre —

Il paroit donc d'apres ce que nous disent les Gazettes que le Colosse du Nord se prepare à marcher — je crains que ce ne soit l'his= :toire de ce gros monsieur dont nous parle Virgile — cui lumen ademptum. — Que dit on, je vous prie, de la conduite que doit tenir la cour de Denmark? — à la place de l'Amant dont ~~nous parlions je serois tenté~~ d'agir comme firent les Romains, & de gré ou de force on finiroit par se laisser flechir — I see Mad: de Staël sometimes — she is too removed I think from the softness

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& delicacy of her sex — & her stream of conversation is too much like a torrent — such a noise — such a talking — reminded me of Milton's Comus holding his joyous meeting in a wood — She gives you one piece of advice however, I find, for which I give her credit — & the more so, as I perfectly agree with her — it is to be more upon your guard in the use of wine, & spirituous li=quors — be assured — Dear Muller — that although your constitution may resist for a time this preternatural heat, the habit will be attended with all the evil consequences of Premature Old Age — Think of your being left without memory — without knowledge — like a shipwrecked passenger on a plank in the midst of the Ocean, or like a Whale run a shore, & left at the mercy of the neighbouring peasants. — I am sure you will take in good part what I say to you — Adieu —

I have never been able to get the Picture. —

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Monsieur

Monsieur Muller
Conseiller privé de sa Majesté le Roi de Prusse
à Berlin

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I am sorry, my dear Muller, to burthen you with Postage, but Le Comte my neighbour sent me the inclosed for you — I long to know your determination about Madame de Stael — what she offered might, I should think, assist in delivering you from some uneasiness — You should give me some idea too of the state of your affairs in your part of the World — is there any alliance between England & Russia?

The details which I have received from Carolina are melancholy — no lives however nor any buildings were lost on my Estate but about half the Crop — on the whole I have come off well —

There is living here under the same roof with me a Madame Filangieri — widow of a distinguished man of letters — she speaks of you as of an Acquaintance — Pray put something into your next letter that I may show her — Adieu — dear friend — I wish you would sometimes write to me — F.K.

Bonstetten wishes to know about his book.

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Monsieur

Monsieur Müller
Conseiller privé de Sa
Majesté le Roi de Prusse
à Berlin

22 Sep: —

Nos lettres se seront croisées en route, Mon cher Muller —

J'ai rempli votre commission auprès de Bonstetten, mais je ne l'ai point vu depuis la naissance de son enfant — d'après le peu que j'en ai lu, cela ne paroit avoir beaucoup de rapport avec sa conversation, ce qui est pour lui même un eloge — mais cela suppose aussi par fois un peu trop de brillant, & des phrases qui ne sont pas tout-à-fait Françoises —

Calypso se plaint de vous — & il me semble avec raison, si comme elle dit, vous ne lui avez point écrit — Je conçois quoique je ne sens, que c'est une femme charmante — mais tout nouvellement sortie de mes bois, je voudrois, qu'elle ne s'eloignât pas autant de ce que la ~~[illegible]~~ sauvage bienséance de l'autre monde exigeroit d'une femme — en s'approchant de votre sexe, elle a beaucoup perdu à mes yeux de cet invincible attrait qu'elle avoit puisé dans la nature.

Je n'exige pas de Vous, cher ami; que vous me parliez de la politique du Pays ou vous etes, mais apprenez moi, si vous avez en pris, ce que les gens les mieux instruits disent des intentions de la Russie — La guerre se fera t elle avec la France? et de quelle maniere? — et qu'est ce que va devenir le Danemark? —

Je ne sais si vous vous rappellez bien ce jeune homme que nous avons connu autrefois, il etoit jeune alors, qui parloit François avec un accent excessivement Allemand — qui vous parloit du Patin qu'il avoit fait dans une Ville, et de l'endroit ou il avoit débordé le jour auparavant apres avoir traversé le lac — c'est le meme qui avoit le visage si rond, et qui disoit avoir envie de se jetter dans le lac de Lungerer — eh bien — on parloit de lui l'autre jour dans une societé à Geneve comme d'un homme absolument Vendu à la France — dites moi, ce qui en est, car vous avez du le connoitre à Vienne — J'ai bien presenté vos complimens et tout ce qu'il y a d'obligeant dans le postscriptum de Votre lettre pour mon voisin—

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Adieu — Dear Muller — do not scold me for writing to you in French — I hope you took in good part what I mentioned to you in my last — be assured that I never was more in the right, & never gave you a greater proof of friendship —

We are all well — & my little one has been just vaccinated — ex=cepting the French Revolution this discovery was is the most wonderful circumstance I know of — it is curious that the one should have accompanied the other, as the discovery of mercury did the Verole

write if you would be written to.

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GENEVE

Monsieur

Monsieur Muller

Conseiller Privé de sa Majesté le Roi de Prusse

A Berlin

85 /312

St Jean 3d October

I have received your last dear Muller, & thank you for it: your defence of our common friend, about his attachment to France & to spiritous liquors is perfectly sufficient, but I am convinced that he will think me right in having communicated what deserved to be guarded against, & to be contradicted.—
My employment for a great while past has been the continu=ation of my Letter to America, of which you saw the com=mencement; it would now make a sizeable Volume, & has afforded me so much pleasure in the composition, that I can almost conceive the delight of those who write for posterity: Your bargain with the Booksellers is a bold one, & far, I fear, from being as profitable to you, as that of Pope or of Gibbon was with their Booksellers —
Let what will happen in Scotland, I may venture to promise, that the expected sum will reach you; Caroline

St Jean 30 October

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indeed has rendered it less, but I am sure, you consent to the sacrifice with pleasure —

We are in the midst of our preparations for a move to Town which renders my letter shorter that it would be otherwise —

I have lately seen a ~~cap~~ copy of the King of Sweden's note to the french legation at Stockholm, & have been reading the Russian state papers on their dispute with France; the Continent then is not entirely dead to every sense of honour & though ~~two~~ of the great powers suffer themselves to be treated as Atalanta was by Meleager, it would be curious, if notwithstanding the defection of these two powers, there should be strength & virtue enough left in the North to make amends upon the present occasion for the injuries done by their Ancestors to the rest of Europe God send it — Adieu, dear Muller —

Ever Yours —

F. Kinloch —

I learn by letters from America that the Violently ~~demo~~ democratick party becomes more & more powerful — the evil will in time cure itself & at all events it will prevent any close connection with France.

20 Nov:– 1804 313/314

Je sais combien votre tems est precieux, mon cher Muller, & c'est la raison pourquoi je vous ecris si peu, & que je suis content d'avoir de Vos nouvelles de tems en tems seulement. J'ai eu l'autre jour un assez long entretien avec Calypso. qui m'a parlé de Vous avec un tres grand interet, & en faisant vos eloges – je suis sur que l'observation qu'elle aura faite à Bonstetten, & que je vous ai communiqué etoit dans la vue de vous rendre un service essentiel – & vous lui en devez des remerciemens dans le fond de votre cœur. –

Je lui ai expliqué d'apres votre derniere lettre les arrangemens que vous aven fait avec des Libraires, &

l'impossibilité dans laquelle vous vous trouviez de remplir
la tache que vous vous etiez prescrite à son égard —
Mais elle vous propose de faire ensorte que vos Libraires
se contentent d'un Volume seulement de Votre Histoire, ou
d'une portion au moins de ce que vous deviez leur four=
nir, & qu'ils prennent ce que vous pourriez écrire pour
elle à la place — elle vous enverra des notes, des ren=
seignemens, elle vous traduira en François avec une
<u>longue</u> preface ou il ne sera question que de Vous, & qui
plus est — elle s'engage de <u>commencer</u> par payer telle
somme que vous lui demanderez — Vous sentez
bien que tout ceci ~~a été~~ a été dit d'une maniere beaucoup plus
honnete, & qu'il n'a point été fait mention de la somme d'argent
qu'avec des menagemens, & des craintes de vous offenser,
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— mais je vous dis les choses tout crûment. Repondez moi la dessus au plus vite, — & que votre lettre soit telle que je puisse la lui envoyer en Italie — sans avoir pourtant l'air que vous le sachiez — Servez vous toujours du nom de Calypso — ce nom ne lui fait point de peine — Je l'ai trouvé en si bonne humeur à votre égard l'autre jour, que j'ai été presque tenté de marchander quelque chose de plus pour Vous à la premiere occasion, quelque chose qui vous rendroit la vue plus claire & les visions nettes, comme dit J: B: Rousseau — je n'en ferai rien pourtant qu'a nouvel ordre. — Adieu — Cher Muller — écrivez moi au plus vite — Votre Roi a donc donné signe de Vie? — Pour votre Ancien Maitre, je ne serois faché que l'Ambassadeur Francois à Vienne lui donna des coups de pied au cul & le chassa de son palais — Mandez moi quelques nouvelles de l'avant. —

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GENEVE

Monsieur

Monsieur Muller

Conseiller Privé de sa Majesté Prussienne

Berlin

21 Jan - 1805
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Je viens de recevoir une lettre de Calypso — elle vous
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me mettre au travail que vous me proposez — sinon, non —
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Plus Cadets en monarchie — C'est ainsi qu'il travaille ce Buonaparte à s'élever de plus en plus cet altier esprit-casus — Les Anglois ne veulent certainement point de paix avec lui, et s'il pousse les miserables Portugais à declarer la guerre, il ne fera qu'ajouter un autre Empire à ceux que les Anglois possedent deja —

Les Nouvelles de chez moi ont été tristes cette année — à peu pres la moitié de la recolte a été emportée par l'Ouragan — La petite ile à l'embouchure de la rade de Charleston ou je passois mes étés a beaucoup souffert ; 17 maisons ont été emportées par la mer : les habitans n'ont eu que le tems de se sauver en abandonnant tout à la fureur des Vagues —

— Adieu — cher et excellent Ami — Je travaille toujours à mes lettres — cela feroit maintenant un joli Volume ——

Nous sommes tous bien ——

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Secheron, July 19th 1805—

It is a long time my dear friend since I have heard from you; I would write more frequently my=self, were I not averse to burthen you with Postage, of which I know you have too much to pay already & the regulations of the Post Office do not permit me to frank my letters— I shall see your Calypso this Afternoon, & will mention your name to her; if you have any proposition to make this is your time when I could so easily communicate them to her, & send you her answer— I have made a short excursion into Italy this Summer with my Son & have been employed almost ever since my return in reducing my notes into the form of letters— We staid but two days at Turin & as much at Milan & did not go further than the bridge of Lodi, which Frederick was particularly desirous of seeing; my observations therefore as you may imagine are neither extensive nor profound, but they were the produce of the moment & might interest you if we were so situated as to render it possible for me to commu=nicate them to you— That indifference with which the Milanese have always seen themselves transferred from one Sovereign to another is in the present instance a little affected by the necessity they are under of bearing Arms— I saw nothing of the Court, the Empress was indisposed, the Vice Roy remained shut up in his Palace, & the Emperor was absent— He was gone to receive the adorations, I can call them by no other name, of his new Subjects & to determine what he should do with such portions of Italy as are, if we may believe the Moniteur, forced upon him— If he reads Tacitus he must often have in his Mind the sentence which Tiberius was

once heard to quote as he quitted the Senate house:
It is really to be lamented that a Genius so form'd by the arts of peace & war for an elevated Station should have no constitutional restraint opposed to his momentary opinions in the government of a great People —

The few good pictures & Statues which we saw made us feel that we were in a Country where the Arts had long been practised, but nothing commanded our admiration more than the great road which begins near Montmelian in Savoye, crosses the Mont Cenis, goes along one side of the Lac Majeur, and descends into the Vallais at Brig, it is not yet finished, so as to be practicable in a carriage, but is really a stupendous work, & appears conducted upon the best principles — I was sorry to see the poor Vallaisans treated with so little ceremony, & so like a conquered People, & if we are to believe common report, a somewhat similar fate awaits all Switzerland — I shou'd be sorry for no humiliation that might fall upon the Pays de Vaud, but should regret the fate of Bern & particularly of the little Cantons. —
We were much mortified in passing the Mont Cenis to find no projecting Rock from which Hannibal may be supposed to have harrangued his soldiers — but we were consoled by passing over his field of battle with Sempronius, & that of Marius with your friends the Cimbri —

June 20th — I was yesterday at Copet & passed a couple of hours with your Goddess: Benjamin Constant who was present spoke highly of the continuation of your history which they had just received & particularly of the preface, with the exception of one ~~me~~ metaphor, it is where speaking of what remains of Swiss freedom you say "we have preserved the house but the doors & windows are taken from us". —

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Calypso's account of Italy represents that Country as by no
means the better for the revolutionary war, & what will become
of Naples? – the hereditary Prince it seems is a large fat
& stupid man who is distinguished for nothing but making
butter, whilst the representative of the Caesars in Germany is
said to be as famous for making petits patés, how is it
possible that such heads should be able to contend with
the great though irregular mind which directs the affairs of
France? Pray tell me what is expected with you from these
Russian propositions at Paris – does he go to treat, or does he
simply go to make proposals, carrying peace & war in the
fold of his Robe? and what part are you about to act? I am
affraid the long wished for marriage will never take place? –
We are passing our summer at a delightful house upon
the borders of the Lake at Secheron & in October shall proceed
to Paris, where we mean to pass the Winter, & to proceed in the
Spring through Holland into England – You will say per-
-haps that I ought to give you some detail of my
family; the essential is that we are all well, the tall
young Lady, who holds the pen for me, has passed her
time very happily, & her little sister begins to walk –
the Education of my son proceeds as I could wish;
he enters in belles Lettres next month, & will be fitted I hope
for any station of life to which he may be called –

Adieu my dear friend I wish we
lived a little nearer to each other, I wish you could tran-
-slate to me what you have said of the last expiring
struggles of Switzerland & that we could keep up your
spirits with now & then a little of the excellent
cherry brandy which we have in the house –

Ever Yours –
N. for H. R. –

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GENEVE

Monsieur

Monsieur Muller

Conseiller Privé de sa Majesté le Roi de Prusse

à Berlin

Nov: 27 – Paris – Rue ferme des Mathurins No: 5

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Votre lettre m'est parvenue bien tard, mon cher ami; il y avoit long tems que ne sachant à quoi d'autre attribuer votre silence je commencois à croire que cela pouvoit s'expliquer peutetre par quelque indiscretion dans laquelle je vous avois entrainé, et dont les puissances superieures avoient pris Ombrage: pource qui regarde la Cause à laquelle vous semblez faire allusion, c'est pour moi un mystere des plus mysterieux, tellement que si l'Ange du Seigneur descendoit pour me juger, si le grand inquisiteur me menacoit de me faire bruler à petit feu, je ne saurois de quoi m'accuser — Laissons donc tout cela — ma malheureuse affaire en Ecosse traine toujours — il ne s'agit pas maintenant de revendiquer mon droit; mais de vendre — et lorsque des ce que je l'aurois fini, ou plutot peutetre, si les nouvelles d'Amerique q sont meilleures qu'à la derniere recolte, vous aurez de mes nouvelles de maniere à etre content de votre ancien Ami — Vous

pouvez croire aussi qu'avec le train que par necessité il faut que je mene, avec femme, fille, deja grande demoiselle, & fils, deja grand garcon, ~~...~~ pour ne pas parler de la petite, & dans une ville comme celle ci ou meme comme Geneve, mes depenses ne sont pas petites — croyez aussi — que Je ne suis pas toujours sur un lit de Roses —

Mais — mon cher Ami — Parlez moi de cette malheureuse, de cette triste, de cette à jamais deshonorée Autriche — que va t elle devenir? Comment — les Russes Capitulent!— la Hongrie Capitule, & l'Empereur de la France reside dans le Palais des Cesars? —

Pour quitter ces grandes matieres ou je me perds, & ou il faut toujours finir par tout laisser faire à la Providence, ditez moi ce que votre mariage va devenir — La demoiselle a dit non si long tems, que son Oui ne ~~...~~ vaudra plus rien.

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Je resterai ici probablement jusqu'au mois de fevrier, pour me mettre en chemin alors pour la Hollande — je passerai l'Eté en Angleterre, & j'espere etre chez moi sur les rives du Peedee avant que 10 mois se seront ecoulés —

Nous sommes tous bien — mais avec moins de ~~connoissance~~ de re=sources sociales que j'aurois voulu, car nous connoissons presque personne — Je vais visiter tous les Endroits interessants — tous les rassemblemens de ~~Fortes~~ tableaux & statues — & le matin, & le soir nous allons assez souvent au Spectacle —

Adieu — Cher Ami — ecrivez moi — je vous en supplie — Mes lettres à ma ~~famille~~ fille sont, à ce que je crois, assez interessantes, jusqu'a mon retour de la tournee en Italie — mais chez me vaudront rien d'ici — aimeriez vous les avoir?

vous pouvez juger du regret avec lequel j'ai quitté Geneve — & surtout combien il m'a couté de me separer de mon fils —

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Monsieur Muller ~~Mr~~

Historien de la Suisse

à Berlin

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Paris Jan: 22 - 1806

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Je viens de recevoir la votre, cher ami, & je ne saurois vous dire combien je suis content de voir que nous nous comprenons parfaitement bien -: notre sejour ici tire vers sa fin, & nous quitterons Paris vers la fin du mois Prochain; non pour aller en Angleterre, mais pour nous acheminer vers Nantes, ou nous profiterons du premier bon batiment, qui s'offrira pour le nord de l'Amerique - apres un sejour de deux ans & demi en Angleterre, je n'oserois pas mener ma famille à la Caroline au commencement de l'Eté - Il a fait si continuellement mauvais tems depuis que nous sommes ici, que j'ai vu Paris moins bien, moins en detail que je n'aurois voulu, & pour les environs il n'en a guere été question - La seine, à l'imitation de son illustre maitre, fait des debordemens de tout coté, de maniere à circonscrire les courses que l'on auroit envie de faire, & je n'ai pas pu parvenir à Marli, sans faire un detour par Versailles.

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Il me semble qu'à la fin l'affaire de notre heritage en Ecosse va se terminer — mais je saurois vous dire ce qui en est sous peu, & certainement avant mon depart — Vous en aurez votre portion — nous sommes deux, ma femme & moi & nous avons trois enfans, (je ne compte pas la toute petite, comme vous voyez, qui est venue se fourrer la dedans) cela fait cinque; vous aurez donc une sixieme de tout ce que nous recevrons, sans rien rabattre sous pretexte d'une avance d'hoirie —

Peutetre feriez vous bien d'envoyer cette lettre à notre Excellent & Venerable Ami — elle sera comme un titre deposé entre ses mains — Envoyez moi ces lettres d'Italie par la Diligence adressées chez Mess: Carayon Cousins Banquiers Rue du Gros chenet Paris — & Prenez cette adresse pour votre pro=chaine — Comment est il possible que cette puissante Maison d'Au=triche soit tombée avec si peu de fracas! & que veulent dire ces Russes au Service Prussien — & la retraite de l'Armee Anglo-Suedo-Russo Hanovrienne — Expliquez moi tout cela, je vous en conjure — Ah — que je prie Dieu que cette infame, dont vous me parlez, soit punie comme elle le merite —

Adieu —

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Adieu

J'ai pourtant pu ajouter quelque chose à la masse de mes observations, & s'il etoit question de faire un livre, je crois que je pourrois fournir deux volumes qui ne seroient pas sans interet — Vous en jugerez, si nous vivons, vous & moi, dans quelques années d'ici — en donnant à mes notes ~~une~~ une forme de lettres je suis parvenu à mon depart de Geneve, mais j'avois fait peu de tems auparavant une course à Anney, & à Thorens que j'ai taché de raconter de mon mieux, en tirant parti des noms de St Francois de Salles, de Mad: de Chantal, de J: J: Rousseau de Mad: de Warens, & du Grand St Bernard de Menthon, dont Mad: Tavernier de Menthon, ma voisine de St Jean, m'avoit preté la Vie — Si je croyois que tout cela pou=voit vous etre de quelque utilité, si je pouvois croire que pourriez gagner quelque chose en donnant à cela une forme Tudesque, je le mettrois à votre discretion meme avant mon depart.

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Monsieur

Monsieur Muller

Historien de la Suisse

à

Berlin

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Paris 6 - Mars 1806.

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Je vais monter en voiture dans une demi heure — je n'ai donc que le tems de vous dire un mot — j'ai bien reçu la votre — Vous en aurez une de moi écrite soit sur la route, soit à [illegible] Nantes, ~~soit à~~ et vous y trouverez une lettre pour un Negociant de Londres qui regarde l'affaire de la succession et d'autres Objets — Adieu — Cher et excellent ami — aimons nous toujours — J: K —

Je vous envoirai mon adresse pour l'Amerique —

Paris 6 - Mars 1806.

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Monsieur Muller

Conseiller Privé de Sa Majesté le Roi de Prusse

à Berlin

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My dear Muller —

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de Prusse —

Berlin

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5 Avril 1805

Mon cher Ami—

Ma femme qui se plait a me servir de secretaire a cette occasion, m'est temoigne, que j'ai fait une petite maladie de trois semaines & que meme j'avois la fievre quand je vous ai ecrit ma derniere lettre — le Docteur Odier qui ma visité assez regulierement m'a rendu a ma premiere santé — Je ne sais si cela est venu de cette abattement qui nous accable quelque fois pour peu que nous soyons malades, ou de ma raison toute pure; mais je n'ai pu ecrire cette lettre à Calypso: si vous etes toujours dans l'idée de lui faire glisser quelques propositions a cet égard, ecrivez moi ce que je pourrois lui communiquer: mais je ne vous comprends pas cher Ami, vous m'aviez dit, ce me semble, que les libraires pour lesquelles vous aviez entrepris à travailler, vous avoient delivré de vos soucis pécunieres les plus urgens, & le detour que vous avez fait par

ici a du se trouver effrayé par la bourse qui se trouvoit a cette occasion, & qui n'a point eté comptée en avance d'Zoirée: d'où vous vient donc au nom de Dieu l'état que vous me peignez? j'ai des lettres d'Ecosse, l'affaire traine toujours mais j'ai de grandes esperances de l'avoir terminer cet année. J'ai aussi mes tra=
=casseries à moi, elle provennent de ce que cet Ouragan, dont vous avez pu lire les effroyables details dans les gazettes, n'a pas manqué d'ébranler les nerfs de tout ce qu'il y a de Banquiers, & de Negocians à mon egard, je suis sans inquiétude pourtant, quoique chargé de quatre enfans dont trois ne manquent pas de me couter une somme assez considerable — la quatrieme, la petite Genevoise, que Vous avez vu naitre, commence aussi à rogner des os & ne coutera bientot au moins deux poulets par semaine —

Mon frere n'a pas^{pu} repondre à Votre lettre — qui a eu à traverser la mer pour l'aller trouver — I have just heard of his safe arrival, & a prodigious comfort it is to me to have such a friend as he is, on the spot where my primary resources are, in such a time as this.

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My letters to my daughter occupy me more than they ought — not that I have the most distant idea of publication, but that I endeavour to render them as perfect as I can, & am every day adding something to my scraps of knowledge & political information which I wish her also to be benefitted by. — I wish the curtain that seems let down between me & the ~~pol~~ great events of the approaching summer could be at all raised — but I feel in total darkness, & our Geneva Politicians are compelled to confess the same.

Has the mighty Power asked a passage for his barbarians or not? — & what is he going to do with his means in the Grecian Islands? —

We have accounts from Naples, by which they appear still in very great uncertainty as to what is to be their fate — Adieu my dear Mother — Write to me fully about your own affairs & embarrass=ments & slide in a word which may assist my judgements.

F. H.

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